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INDEXES,

AND AN APPENDIX

CONTAINING DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE MOST ANCIENT TOWNS OF THIS  
STATE, AND HISTORICAL NOTES AND MONOGRAPHS.

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## PREFACE.

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The character of the papers published in the series of which this is the second volume, and their relations and value in the documentary history of the state, were the subjects of comment in the preface to the volume immediately preceding this. In that publication were included the township charters or grants issued by the government of Massachusetts in the period when its jurisdiction was asserted over territory north of the present boundary line, and a part of the charters emanating from the provincial government of New Hampshire. An alphabetical arrangement was adopted as one that would render the documents most readily accessible to such as might have occasion to consult them in the printed form. It was found that only a part of the New Hampshire charters proper, could be included in the preceding volume. Those falling under the letters A to E inclusive, however, found place there. Those remaining are included in the present volume. Important historical documents and the results of researches in the early history of the state by eminent students of that epoch are given in the appendix. The notes under each town title are of the same character as those which are found in the former volume. They contain numerous citations to authorities in local and general history relative to the several towns. While it is not to be presumed that a complete exposition of titles in our local history has been accomplished in these notes, it may be said that they are the result of a careful examination of the best accessible collections of works devoted to local history, and of an extensive correspondence with those supposed to be the best informed in this class of literature. The plan of illustration and indexing is that previously followed. The Blanchard and Langdon, Jeffries, and Holland maps of the province were reprinted for volume XXIV, and accompany it. They are useful as aids to an understanding of the grouping of the towns which were the subjects of grants by New Hampshire, Massachusetts, or Masonian authority, and which appear in the current series of publications. The volumes to follow will include, first, the grants made in the disputed territory west of the Connecticut River and known in history as the New Hampshire Grants, and next in order, the so-called Masonian Grants.

In the prosecution of this work the editor has realized the value of official co-operation from His Excellency Charles A. Busiel and all the members of his council. To the other gentlemen named and to the many to whom, on former occasions, a more general allusion was made as efficient coadjutors in connection with the preparation of preceding volumes, the assurance of a continuing sense of obligation is most cordially renewed.

THE EDITOR.



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FARMINGTON.

[Set off from Rochester and incorporated Dec. 1, 1798. The first proprietors' meeting was held Feb. 23, 1799.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 721; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 332; Index to Laws, 175; sketch, Hurd's History of Strafford County, 1882, p. 620; papers under title Rochester; Life and Public Services of Henry Wilson, by Elias Nason and Thomas Russell, 1876; Memorial Addresses on Life and Character of Henry Wilson, 1876; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 331.]

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FITZWILLIAM.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors as *Monadnock No. 4*, Jan. 15, 1752, to Roland Cotton and others. Regranted May 2, 1765, to Col. Sampson Stoddard and others, and sometimes called *Stoddard's-town*. Incorporated as Fitzwilliam May 19, 1773, and named in honor of the Earl of Fitzwilliam. A portion of this town was included in the limits of Troy, incorporated June 23, 1815. The line between Fitzwilliam and Rindge was established June 17, 1847.

See Massachusetts charters preceding and Masonian Papers in following volumes; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 670; Index to Laws, 190; History, by John F. Norton, 1888, pp. 829; sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 200; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 151; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 260; Deaths, 1802-22, 1, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 235; Catalogue of the Instructors, Lecturers, and Members of the Cheshire County Teachers' Institute, April 17-29, 1865, pub. 1865, pp. 50; Confession of Faith and Covenant, Also a Brief History of the Congregational Church, with Catalogue of Members, 1854, pp. 27; Census Report of the Town, 1877, pp. 36.]



## [FITZWILLIAM INCORPORATED, 1773.]

\*4-147 \*Province of } George the third by the Grace of God  
 New Hamp' } of Great Britain, France & Ireland  
 FITZ=WILLIAM King Defender of the Faith &c—  
 formerly To all to whom these Presents shall  
 Monadnoc N° 4 come—Greeting—

Whereas our Loyal Subjects Inhabitants of a Tract of Land within our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid commonly called & known by the Name of Manadnock Number (4) containing by estimation about Six Miles Square have Humbly Petitioned & requested us that they may be erected & Incorporated into a Township & infranchized with the Same Powers & Priviledges which Other Towns within our Said Province by Law have & enjoy & it appearing unto us to be Conducive to the General good of our Said Province as well as of the Said Inhabitants in Perticular by maintaining good order & incouraging the Culture of the Land that the Same should be done—KNOW YE that We of our special Grace certain knowledge and for the Incouragement & Promotion of the good Purposes & Ends aforesaid by & with the Advice of our Trusty and well beloved John Wentworth Esq our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff of our said Province & of our Council of the Same Have erected & ordained & by these Presents for us our Heirs & Successors do will &

\*4-148 ordain that the Inhabitants of y<sup>st</sup> said Tract of Land & others who shall Improve & Inhabit thereon hereafter the same being butted & bounded as follows (Viz) Begining at the West Line of Mason's Patent so called where that croses the Dividing Line between the Province of the Massachusetts Bay & the Province of New Hampshire & runs from thence South Eighty degrees East by Said Line Six Miles to the South West Corner of the South Manadnock from thence North by the Needle by said Township five Miles to the North West Corner of the South Manadnock aforesaid from thence North Eighty degrees West by Midle Manadnock Township one Mile & a Quarter to the South West Corner thereof thence North by the Needle two Miles & forty Rods & from thence North Eighty till it comes to the Patent West Line as lately marked & from thence Southerly by that Line to the first Bounds mentioned Be and they are hereby declared to be a Town corporate by the Name of Fitz William — — — to have continuence for ever with all the Powers Previledges Authorities Immunities & Franchizes which any other Towns in our said Prov-

ince by Law hold & enjoy to the S<sup>d</sup> Inhabitants or those who shall hereafter inhabit there and to their Successors forever allways Reserving to us our Heirs & Successors all white Pine Trees that are or shall be found being & growing within & upon the Said Tract of Land fit for the Use of our Royal Navy reserving also to us our heirs & Successors the Power of Dividing said Town when it Shall be necessary & Convenient for the Inhabitants thereof Provided nevertheless tis hereby declared that this Charter & Grant is not Intended and Shall not in any Manner be construed to affect the private Property of the Soil within the Limits aforesaid—And as the several Towns within Our Said Province are by the Laws thereof enabled & authorized to assemble and by the Majority of the Voters Present to chuse all officers & transact such affairs as in the said Laws are declared and we do by these Presents nominate & appoint James Reed Esq — — — to call the first Meeting of said Inhabitants to be held within the said Town any Time within Thirty Days from the Date hereof giving legal Notice of the Time & Design of Holding Such Meeting, after which the Annual Meeting for Said Town shall be held for the Choice of such officers and the Purposes aforesaid on the Third Thursday In March Annually—

In Testimony whereof We have caused the Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness our afores<sup>d</sup>—Governour & Commander in Chieff the Nineteenth Day of May—in the Thirteenth Year of our Reign Annoq Domini One thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy Three—

J Wentworth

By his Excellencys Com'and  
with advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Province of New Hamp<sup>t</sup>

Recorded according to the Original Charter under the Province Seal this 19<sup>th</sup> Day of May—1773—

Attest<sup>r</sup> Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

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## FRANCESTOWN.

[This town included *New Boston Addition* and a part of *Society Land*. Incorporated June 8, 1772, and named by Gov. John Wentworth in honor of his wife whose maiden name was Frances Deering. A portion of Greenfield was annexed Dec. 11, 1792, and a portion of Society Land, June 17, 1802. Another portion of Greenfield was annexed July 4, 1872.

Sec IX, Bouton Town Papers, 299; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 680; Index to Laws, 195; sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 297; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 165; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 22; Writings of Levi Woodbury, ed. by Chas. Levi Woodbury, 1852.]

## FRANCONIA.

[Granted as Franconia, Feb. 14, 1764, to Jesse Searle and others. No settlements were made under this grant and the town was regranted June 8, 1772, to Sir Francis Bernard and others. The second grant included substantially the former territory of Franconia and Lincoln, and was named *Morristown* in honor of Corbin Morris, one of the grantees. The name of Franconia was reassumed in 1782, the decision in the case of Dartmouth College against the proprietors of Landaff (first grant) being deemed decisive in the similar contention between the proprietors of Franconia and Lincoln on the one part and the proprietors of Morristown on the other; History of the Administration of the Law, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, p. 32. The line with Lisbon was established June 27, 1826.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 300; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 277, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 685; Index to Laws, 195; papers under titles Landaff and Lincoln; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 256; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 532; The Twin Mountain Range, by A. E. Scott, 3, Appalachia, 107; A Trip over Osceola, the Twin Mountain Range, and Mt. Garfield, by W. L. Hooper, *id.*, 285; Willey's History of the White Mountains, 1870, p. 269; An Ascent of Mt. Haystack, by E. B. Cook, 3, Appalachia, 263; An Ascent of Mt. Garfield, by G. Lanza, 4, *id.*, 265; Exploration of a Gorge on Mt. Lincoln, by C. E. Fay, 2, *id.*, 286; The White Hills, by T. Starr King, 1859, p. 106; Christus Judex, Greenleaf's edition, 1892, with notes by W. C. Prime; The White Mountains, A Guide to Their Interpretation, by Julius H. Ward, 1890, p. 145; In the Heart of the White Mountains, by S. A. Drake, 1882, p. 237; Along New England Roads, by W. C. Prime, 1892.]

### [FRANCONIA CHARTER, 1764.]

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Franconia



GEORGE, THE THIRD,

By the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britan, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come,  
Greeting.*

KNOW Ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our

Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, in *New-England*, and of Our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE, upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy Three equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement 24,000 Acres, which Tract is to contain Something more than Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Beginning at the North Easterly Corner of Chiswick a Town latly Granted & from thence Runing South twenty four Degrees West five Miles & one half Mile by Chiswick aforesaid to the South Easterly Corner thereof which is also the North Westerly Corner of Lincoln, then South 58 Deg<sup>s</sup> East about  $7\frac{1}{2}$  of Mile by Lincoln aforesaid to the North Easterly Corner thereof, thence North 24 Degres East 5 Miles &  $\frac{1}{2}$  then Turning off & Runing on a Streight Line to the North Easterly Corner of Chiswick the Bounds begun at And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Franconia And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the

And the other on the

annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said

and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be \*opened and kept \*3-103 one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantageous to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said

Province, shall be held on the Second Tuesday in March next which said Meeting shall be Notified by Isaac Searle who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*. 1764

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1774 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns,

settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land ; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns in our *Council Chamber in Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same ; and this is to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq ; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of Feb<sup>r</sup> In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty four And in the fourth Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,  
With Advice of COUNCIL,  
T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>r</sup>

Province of New Hampshire Feb<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1764  
Recorded according to the Original charter under the Province Seal

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\*Names of the Grantees of Franconia

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Isaac Searl	William Shepperd	Thomas Meekins
His Excell <sup>y</sup> Francis Bernard Esq <sup>r</sup>		Joseph Richardson
Thomas Hubbard Esq <sup>r</sup>	Fitch Pool	William Mitchell Jun <sup>r</sup>
William Brattle Esq	Willis Hall	Justin Wheeler
Joseph Pincheon Esq <sup>r</sup>	Jeremiah Webb	George Gardner
Oxenbridge Thatcher Esq <sup>r</sup>	Giles Alexander	Samuel Hopkins
Harrison Gray Esq <sup>r</sup>	Giles Alexander Jun <sup>r</sup>	Caleb Strong
George Willis Esq <sup>r</sup>	William Alexander	Samuel Hunt
Samuel Mather Esq <sup>r</sup>	½ Isaac Willard	Thomas Allen
John Mico Wendell	Moses Graves	Thomas Meekins Jun <sup>r</sup>
Oliver Wendell	Elisha Graves	Eleazer Burt
John Moffatt Boston	Moses Graves Jun <sup>r</sup>	Wyseman Clagett Esq <sup>r</sup>
Samuel Blodgett	John Graves	Samuel Mather Jun <sup>r</sup>
Samuel Blodgett Jun <sup>r</sup>	Jonathan Graves	Daniel Hopkins
Nathan Blodgett	Samuel Dunbar Searl	William Mather
Caleb Blodgett	Rev <sup>d</sup> John Searl	Lewis Gray of Boston
William Blodgett	Titus King	Jacob Wendell
David West	Joseph Hutchins	Daniel Jones



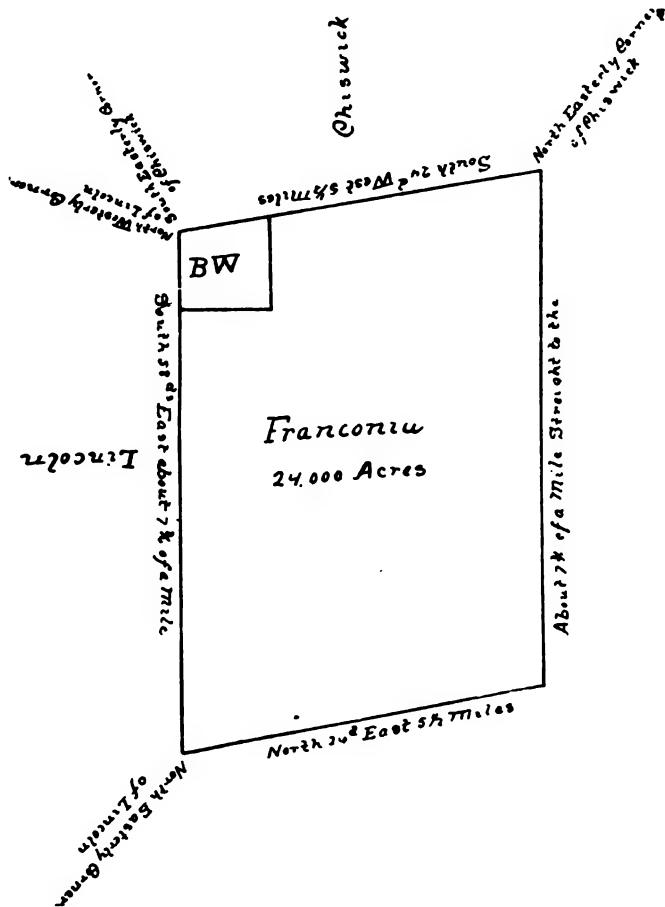
Daniel Jones Boston	Thomas Storr	Hon <sup>ble</sup> John Temple	} Esq <sup>rs</sup>
Joseph Russell	Daniel Castle	Theod <sup>r</sup> Atkinson	
Richard Draper	Zephaniah Platt	Mark H <sup>s</sup> Wentworth	
William Taylor	Zephaniah Platt Jun <sup>r</sup>	Theod <sup>r</sup> Atkinson j <sup>r</sup>	
Sanderson West	William Mitchell		

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into Twenty eight  
Names are entered  
mediate Settlement  
Petitioned us for the  
Province of New  
York

Lands for our said Province by our said Governor's Order & returned into the Secretary's \*Office of our said Prov- \*4-77  
 ince, a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed, butted & bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at a Stake standing in the Easterly Line of Landaff Two Miles Northerly of the South Easterly corner of said Landaff, from thence running North Twenty Degrees East Four Miles to the North Easterly corner of said Landaff which is also the South Easterly corner of Gunthwaite, thence North Twenty four Degrees East Five Miles and one half Mile to the North Easterly Corner of said Gunthwaite, from thence North fifty eight Degrees East Six Miles & one half mile to a Stake, from thence South Twenty three Degrees West Eleven Miles 'till it comes to Colonel John Goffe's Grant, from thence west on said Goffe's Land Two hundred & Twenty four Rods, from thence South Forty Eight Rods to a Stake, from thence North fifty eight Degrees West Two hundred & Seventy Rods to a Stake, from thence North Twenty Degrees East Two Miles to a Stake, from thence North Fifty eight deg<sup>s</sup> West Five Miles to the bound began at. To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above express'd together with all Priviledges and Appurtenances to them the said Grantees & to their respective heirs & Assigns for ever by the Name of MORRIS-TOWN upon the following Conditions. NAMELY—

FIRST That the said Grantees at their own Cost shall cut clear bridge & make passable for Carriages of all kinds a Road of three Rods wide thro' the said Tract hereby granted, and this to be completed in Seven years from the date of this Grant, in failure whereof the premises & every part thereof shall be forfeited & revert to us our Heirs & Successors.—

SECOND That the said Grantees shall settle or cause to be Settled Five Families by the Eighth day of June 1776, who shall be actually cultivating some part of the Land & resident thereon, & to continue making further and additional Improvement, Cultivation & Settlement of the Premises so that there shall be actually Settled & resident thereon Thirty Families by the Eighth day of June 1779 on penalty of the forfeiture of any and every Delinquent's Share and of such Share or Shares reverting to us our Heirs & Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon & regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle & cultivate the same.

**THIRD** That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use & none to be cut or fell'd without our Special Licence for so doing first had & obtained, upon the penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee his Heirs and Assigns to us our

Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are \*or hereafter shall be Enacted.

**FOURTH** That before any Division of the Land be made to & among the Grantees a Tract of Land as near the centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of shall be reserved & marked out for Town Lots one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

**FIFTH** Yielding and paying therefor to us our Heirs and Successors on or before the Eighth day of June 1781, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded

**SIXTH** That every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant shall yield and pay unto us our Heirs and Successors yearly and every Year for Ever from and after the expiration of Ten Years from the date of this Grant ONE SHILLING Proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he so owns Settles or Possesses & so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Land aforesaid; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid their Heirs or Assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same and these to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

**IN TESTIMONY** whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our aforesaid Governor & Commander in Chief the Eighth day of June in the Twelfth year of our Reign And in the year of our Lord Christ 1772.

#### The Names of the Grantees of Morris-Town.

Ebenezer Green	Enos Stevens	Noah Dewey
Benjamin Grant	Jon <sup>a</sup> Hatch	Joel Woodworth
Benj <sup>a</sup> Grant Jun <sup>r</sup>	Jon <sup>a</sup> Childs	John Wood
Samuel Cary	Abner Howard	John Woodward
Peters Grant	Edward Howard	Abraham Palmer
Noah Grant	Alex <sup>r</sup> Phelps	Samuel Phelps
Thomas Swan	Joel Phelps	John Morey

Simeon Olcott Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Andrew Bell  
 Samuel Hunt

Benj<sup>a</sup> Chamberlain  
 Ichabod Palmer

Benjamin Baldwin Jun<sup>r</sup>  
 Jacob Marston.

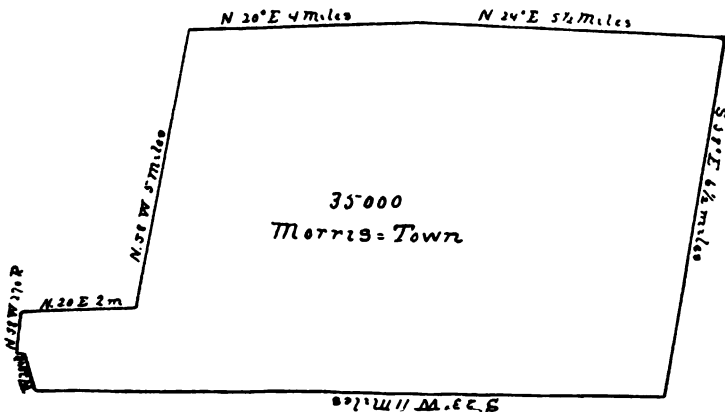
By his Excellencys Command  
 with advice of Council  
 Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

J<sup>r</sup> { L. S. } Wentworth.

\*Province of New Hampshire. Portsm<sup>o</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> June 1772. \*4-79

These Certify that this Plan of Morris-Town Beginning at a Stake standing in the Easterly Line of Landaff Two Miles North-erly of the South Easterly corner of said Landaff, from thence running N. 20° E. 4 Miles to the North East<sup>ly</sup> corner of said Landaff thence N. 24° E. 5½ Miles to the N. E<sup>ly</sup> corner of Gunthwaite, thence S. 58° E. 6½ Miles to a Stake, thence S. 23° W. 11 Miles 'till it comes to Land granted to Col<sup>o</sup> John Goffe, thence W. 224 Rods to the N. W<sup>ly</sup> corner of s<sup>d</sup> Goffe's Grant, thence S. 48 Rods to a Stake, thence N. 58° W. 270 Rods to a Stake, thence N. 20° E 2 miles to a Stake, thence N. 58° W. 5 Miles to the bounds began at. Contains 35,000 Acres of Land, & is known by the Surveys of the several Towns & Tracts of Land bounding on said Morris-Town.

Attest. Is. Rindge S. G<sup>r</sup>



Province of New Hampshire. June 8<sup>th</sup> 1772.

Recorded from, and according to, the Original Charter of Morris-Town, under the Province Seal.

Attest<sup>r</sup> Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

## FRANKLIN.

[Made up from parts of Andover, Salisbury, Northfield, and Sanbornton, and incorporated Dec. 24, 1828. Named in honor of Benjamin Franklin. Parts of Franklin were annexed to Northfield, July 3, 1830, and to Salisbury, July 7, 1869. Parts of Northfield were annexed June 26, 1858, and June 27, 1861. The line with Andover was established July 13, 1864. A city charter was granted March 29, 1893, and adopted March 13, 1894.]

See papers under titles of above named towns; Index to Laws, 197; sketch, by J. N. McClintock, 3, Granite Monthly, 132; Acts of the Anti-Slavery Apostles, by Parker Pillsbury, 1883, p. 196; sketch, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 310; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 385; Central New Hampshire, by G. F. Bacon, 1890, p. 3; A Review of Ten Years, by W. T. Savage, 1859.]

## FREEDOM.

[Set off from Effingham and incorporated as *North Effingham* June 16, 1831. The name was changed to Freedom Dec. 6, 1832.]

See papers under title Effingham; Index to Laws, 198, 407; sketch, Fergusson's History of Carroll County, 1889, p. 560; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 600.]

## FREMONT.

[Set off from Brentwood and incorporated as *Poplin*, June 22, 1764. A number of inhabitants in the south part were set off to Danville for parochial purposes, June 20, 1783. The name was changed to Fremont July 8, 1854, in honor of Gen. John C. Fremont.]

See papers under title Brentwood; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 250; XI, Hammond Town Papers, 696; Index to Laws, 199, 439; sketch, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 296; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 53.]

## GILFORD.

[This was formerly a part of Gilmanton, known as *Gunstock Parish*. Set off and incorporated June 16, 1812. Six islands in Winnipiseogee Lake were annexed June 22, 1826. A portion of Gilmanton was annexed to Gilford, July 5, 1851, and a portion of Laconia, July 13, 1876. A part of Gilford was annexed to Laconia, July 2, 1874. Lakeport, formerly Lake Village, was included in the charter of the city of Laconia, March 24, 1893.]

See papers under title Gilmanton; Index to Laws, 206; sketch, by J. P. Watson, Hurd's History of Belknap County, 1885, p. 731; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 162; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 15; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 490.]

## GILMANTON.

[Granted May 20, 1727, to Nicholas Gilman and others. The grant was confirmed by the Masonian Proprietors, June 30, 1752. Governor's Island was annexed Dec. 30, 1799. Gilford was set off and incorporated June 16, 1812. A tract of land was severed and annexed to Gilford July 5, 1851. Belmont was set off and incorporated as Upper Gilmanton, June 28, 1859.]

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 302, 456; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 1; Index to Laws, 207; papers under title Kingswood; History, by Daniel Lancaster, 1845, pp. 304; sketch by S. S. N. Greeley, Hurd's History of Belknap County, 1885, p. 785; Glimpses of the History of Old Gilmanton, by J. E. Fullerton, 3, Granite Monthly, 304; Sketch of History, Geography, etc., by William Prescott, 1, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 72; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, pp. 162, 302; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 8; The Badger Homestead, by F. M. Colby, 6, Granite Monthly, 76; Bills of Mortality, 1825-50, by Daniel Lancaster, 6, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 244; Biographical Notices of Physicians in, by Daniel Lancaster, 1, N. H. Repository, 65; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 490, 494, 496.]

## [GILMANTON CHARTER, 1727.]

Gillmanton

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\*GEORGE by the Grace of GOD of  
Great Britain France & Ireland King  
Defender of the faith &c\*—

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To all People to whom these Presents Shall  
Come Greeting—

KNOW YE that we of our Especial Know-  
led & mere motion for the Due Encouragment  
of Settling A New Plantation By & with the  
Advice & Consent of our Council have given & Granted and  
by these Presents as far as in us lies do give & Grant in Equal  
Shares unto Sundry of our beloved Subjects whose names Are En-  
tred in A Schedule hereunto Annexed that Inhabid or Shall Inhab-  
it within the Said Grant within our Province of New Hampshire  
all that Tract of Land within the following Bounds (Viz) to begin  
on the head of the Town of Barnstead at the Corner of Said Town  
& next to the Town of Chichester And running from thence on a  
North West Line to Winnipisiockee Pond or the River that runs  
out of the Said Pond And from the first Place where it began to  
run North East Six Miles on the head of the Afore Said Town of  
Barnstead then North West Two Miles then West to Winni-  
pissiockee Pond then on the Said Pond & river to meet the first  
Line (Provided it do not intrench on Any former Legal Grant:)



and that the Same be a Town Corporate by the Name of GILLMANTON to the Persons afore Said and Such associates as they Shall admit for Ever To HAVE & TO HOLD the Said Land to the Said Grantees & thier Associates & thier heirs And Assignes forever upon the Conditions following—

1) That the Proprietors within three Years build Seventy Dwelling Houses & Settle a family in Each or Cause the Same to be don and Clear three Acres of Ground fit for Planting or mowing and that Each Proprietor pay his Proportion of the Town Charges when & So often as Occassion Shall require the Same.

2<sup>dly</sup> That A meeting house be built for the Publick Worship of God within the Term of four Years—

3<sup>dly</sup> That upon Default of Any Perticular Proprietor in Complying with the Conditions of this Charter upon his Part Such Delinquent Proprietor Shall forfeit upon his Share of the Said

\*1-104 Land to the other \*Proprietors which Shall be Disposed of According to the Major Vote of the Said Proprietors at a Legal Meeting—

4) That a Proprietors Share be reserved for the first Minister of the Gospell that Shall be there Settled & Ordained And Another for a Parsonage—and another Proprietors Share for the benefit of a School in the Said Town—Provided nevertheless that the Peace with the Indians Continue for the Space of three Years But if it Shall happen A Warr with the Indians do break out before the Expiration of the afore Said Three Years that then the Said Term of three years Shall be Allowd the Proprietors After the Expiration of the War for the Performance of the afore Said Conditions rendring & Paying therefor to us our hiers & Successors or Such officer or officers as Shall be Appointed to receive the Same the Annual Quitrent or Acknowledgment of one Pound of flax in the Said Town on the Last Thursday in March Yearly forever (if Demanded) reserving also unto us our hiers & Successors all mast Trees (Growing on Said Land According to Acts of Parliament in that case made & Provided And for the Better order rule & Government of the Said Town We Do by these Presents for our Selves our hiers & Successors Grant unto the Said men & Inhabitants or those that Shall Inhabit Said Town That Yearly & every Year upon the Second Thursday in March for ever Shall meet to Elect & Choose by the Major Part of the Proprietors then Present Constables Select men & other Town officers According to the Laws & usages of our afore Said Province with all the Power Previledges & Authoritys as other Towns & Town officers within our aforesaid

Province have & Enjoy : And for the Notifying And Calling of the first Town Meeting We do hereby Appoint Major John Gillman Cap<sup>t</sup> John Gillman & Bartho<sup>l</sup> Thing to be Select men for the Said Town of Gilmanton & they to Continue in Said respective office as Select men until the Second thursday in the month of March which Shall be in the Year of Our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & Twenty Eight & until Other \*Select \*1-105 men Shall be Chosen & Appointed in their Stead in Such manner as is in thse Presents Expressed In Testimony whereof we have Caused the Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness John Wentworth Esq our Lieutenant Governour & Commander in Chieff in & over our Said Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> at our Town of Portsmouth in our Said Province the Twentieth day of May in the thirteenth Year of our reign Anno Domini 1727—

J Wentworth

By order of his Hon<sup>r</sup> the L<sup>t</sup> Governour with the Advice of the Council Rich<sup>d</sup> Waldron Cler : Con :

Entred & recorded According to the Original under the Province Seal this 13<sup>th</sup> July 1752—

✠ Theodore Atkinson Se<sup>v</sup>

In Council December 17<sup>th</sup> 1729

Ordered That whereas in the Charter of Gilmanton it is Expressed that the Bounds of Said Town Shall run from the head of Barnstead norwest two miles then West to Winnipiseockee Pond which Last Point of (West) Should have been Expressed North to the Pond the Same being So Intended by the Grantors & is hereby So Explained & Declared—

Rich<sup>d</sup> Waldron Cler Con

Vera Copia

Rich<sup>d</sup> Waldron Cler Con

Copyd & Entred from the Back of the Original Charter above recorded this 13<sup>th</sup> of July 1752—

Theodore Atkinson Se<sup>v</sup>

A Schedule of the names of the Proprietors of the Town of Gilmanton—

Nicholas Gillman	John Gillman	John Odlin
Samuel Thing	Henry Rust	James Levit
Bartholmy Thing	Jonathan Wadley	Nicholas Dudley
Jeremiah Conner	Benj <sup>a</sup> Thing	Eph <sup>r</sup> Philbrick
Peter Gillman	James Sinclare	Eliphalet Coffin
Nich <sup>o</sup> Gorden	*Phillip Conner	Daniel Gilman *1-106
John Robinson	Tho <sup>s</sup> Webster	Nich <sup>o</sup> Gillman ju <sup>r</sup>

William Fellows	Paul Gerrish	John Sandburn
John Redman	Theodore Atkinson	Ephr <sup>a</sup> Dennit
Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Stephens	Richard Jennes	Cap <sup>t</sup> Samuel Tibbets
Richard Wibird jun <sup>r</sup>	George Jaffrey jun <sup>r</sup>	Mathew Plant
Ephr <sup>a</sup> Dennet jun <sup>r</sup>	Benj <sup>a</sup> Clark	Andrew Frost
Jotham Odiorne jun <sup>r</sup>	Cap <sup>t</sup> John Gillman	Benj <sup>a</sup> Walton
William Odiorn	Robert Auchmuty	

Sam<sup>l</sup> Shute Esq } Each 500 : Acres

John Wentworth } & a home Lot

Coll Mark Hunking

George Jaffrey Esq .

Richard Wibird

Jotham Odiorne

Shadrach Walton } Esq<sup>n</sup>

Thos Westbrook } Esq<sup>n</sup>

John Frost

Arch<sup>d</sup> Macphedris }

The Schedule Annexed to Gilmanton Certify'd

⌘ Rich<sup>d</sup> Waldron Cler : Con

Entred And recorded According to the Original this 13<sup>th</sup> July  
1752

⌘ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>r</sup>

## GILSUM.

[Granted as *Boyle* Dec. 28, 1752, to Joseph Osgood and others. No settlements were made under this grant. Regranted July 13, 1763, to Samuel Gilbert, Thomas Sumner, and others, and incorporated as Gilsum by combining the first syllables of the two names. The west part of the town was combined with a portion of Westmoreland to make up the town of Surry, March 9, 1769. The southeast part was combined with parts of Keene, Stoddard, and Nelson, to make up the town of Sullivan, Sept. 27, 1787. The line between Gilsum and Stoddard was settled June 21, 1797, by which Gilsum lost a tract of land. A small lot was taken from Sullivan and annexed to Gilsum July 7, 1874.]

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 303; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 18; Index to Laws, 208; History, by Silvanus Hayward, 1881, pp. 468; sketch, by same, 4, Granite Monthly, 439; sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 207; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 164; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 263; Address, Centennial Celebration of Congregational Church, 1872, by Silvanus Hayward, pp. 63.]

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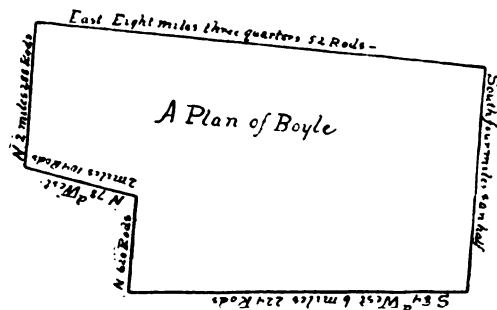


Abraham Kendall,	Thomas Buxby,	Charles Barron,
Zebediah Keys,	John Chamberlain,	Joseph Kidder,
Ezekiel Chase Esq,	Jonathan Snow,	Jonathan Chamberlain,
Nathaniel Merrill,	James Minot,	Jonathan Coombs,
Archibald Starke,	Samuel Gibson,	John Goffe,
Joseph Danforth,	Abel Laurence,	Benjamin French,
James Whitney,	William Spaulding,	*Jeremiah Lawrence *1-118
Thomas Read,	Joseph Fitch,	Jonathan Cummins,
Jonathan Cummins jun <sup>r</sup> ,	John Usher,	Robert Usher,
Henry Sherburne,	Theodore Atkinson,	Richard Wibird
Samuel Smith	John Downing,	Sam <sup>l</sup> Solley
Sampson Sheaffe	John Wentworth jun <sup>r</sup> ,	his Excellency Ben-

ning Wentworth Esq a Tract of Land to Contain five hundred Acres which is to be Accounted two of the within Shares One whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in forreign Parts, one whole Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel in the said Town one whole Share for A Glebe for the ministry of the Church of England as by Law Established—

Entred & Recorded from the Back of the Charter of Boyle the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1752

✂ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>



Taken from the Plan on the back of the Original Charter of Boyle this 30<sup>th</sup> of December 1752—and recorded

✂ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

## [GILSUM CHARTER, 1763.]

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\*Province of New-Hampshire.

Gilsum



heretofore

Boyle

GEORGE THE THIRD,

By the Grace of GOD, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.*

KNOW ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of NEW HAMPSHIRE in *New-England*, and of Our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE, upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy Nine equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement Twenty Three Thousand *Acres*, which Tract is to contain about Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Beginning at the South Easterly Corner of Walpole and runs from thence South Seventy Eight degrees East Two Miles & one Hundred & four rods to the North Easterly Corner of Westmorland, from thence South Six Hundred & Twenty rods to the North Line of Keen, and from thence North Eighty Four degrees East Six Miles & Two Hundred & Twenty four rods to a Stake & Stones, from thence North by the Needle Four Miles & one half Mile to a Stake & Stones, from thence West by the Needle Eight Miles & Three Quarters of A Mile & fifty two rods to the Eastermost Line of Walpole, from thence South Two miles Two hun-



dred & Eighty Eight rods by Walpole to the Bounds first Above mentioned as began at And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Gilsum And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy : And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the \_\_\_\_\_ And the other on the \_\_\_\_\_ annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective \_\_\_\_\_ following the said \_\_\_\_\_

and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be \*opened and \*2-493 kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantageous to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the First Tuesday of August next which said Meeting shall be Notified by Samuel Gilbert Esq<sup>r</sup> who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province ; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all the Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of Five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or Them Re-granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty

of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefore to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*. 1763

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the above-said twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1773 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this is to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of July In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty three And in the Third Year of Our Reign. B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command  
With Advice of COUNCIL,  
Theodore Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Pro<sup>v</sup> N Hamp<sup>r</sup> July 13<sup>th</sup> 1763

Recorded according to the Original Charter under the Pro<sup>v</sup> Seal  
Ⓟ T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

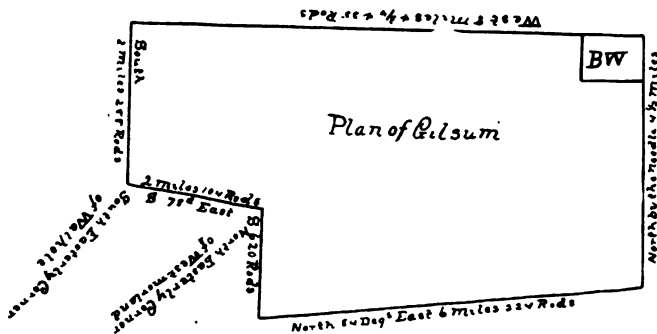
\*2-494 \*The Names of the Grantees of the Township of Gilsum

Samuel Gilbert  
Thomas Sumner  
Clem<sup>t</sup> Sumner

Jon<sup>a</sup> Smith  
Joshua Dart  
Sam<sup>ll</sup> Gilbert jun<sup>r</sup>

Josiah Kilborn  
Joseph Wells  
Sam<sup>ll</sup> Phelps

Elijah Owen	James Noble	William Sumner
Nathaniel Dart	Eliphalet Dart	Jonathan Dart
William Dart	Benj <sup>a</sup> Graves	Ichabod Warner
Josiah Mack	Abijah Mack	Thomas Smith
Icabod Smith	Jon <sup>a</sup> Smith	Daniel Dart
David Taylor	Ebenez <sup>r</sup> White	Sam <sup>l</sup> Lord
Ezra Lomis	Jonathan Burge	Jonathan Wright
Duran Wade	Josiah Blodget	James Cox
Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Kilborn	Abel Allin	Joel Kilborn
John Mack	Ruben Sumner	William Cox
Joseph Spencer	Thomas Pitkin	Josiah Kilborn
Benj <sup>a</sup> Sumner	Sam <sup>l</sup> Banning	Joseph Lothrop
Icabod Fisher	Jonathan Levet	Eliphalet Young
James Spencer	John Starling	Joseph Becket
Seth Hall	Seth Haize	Lemuel Wyly
Abner Mack	Stephen Griswold	John Hooker
Edmund Wills	Thomas Wills	Nathan Rowlee
Abner Brown	Abner Waters	Roger Dewey
Abner Skinner	John Skinner	Stephen Houghton
Abijah Rowle	Levi Post	Thomas Brown
Jon <sup>a</sup> Brown	Theodore Atkinson	} Esq <sup>r</sup>
	Nathaniel Barrel	
	Theodore Atkinson jun <sup>r</sup>	



One Tract of Land for his Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq to Contain five Hundred Acres as Marked B: W in the Plan which is to be Accounted two of the within Shares One whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts one Share for A Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established one Share for the first Settled

Minister of the Gospel & one Share for the Benefit of A School in Said Town—

Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> July 13<sup>th</sup> 1763—

Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter under the Province Seal

⌘ T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

Province of N Hamp<sup>r</sup> July 13—1763

Recorded from the Plan on the Back of the original Charter

⌘ T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

### GOFFSTOWN.

[Granted by Massachusetts as *Narragansett No. 4*, February 9, 1733-4. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, December 3, 1748, to Rev. Thomas Parker, of Dracut, Mass., and others. It was also called *Shove's-town*. Incorporated as Goffstown June 16, 1761, and named for Col. John Goffe. The charter was renewed April 5, 1763. A portion of the town was combined with parts of Dunbarton and Chester to make up the town of Hooksett, July 2, 1822. Some islands in Merrimack river were annexed June 28, 1825. A part of New Boston was annexed June 18, 1836. The line between Dunbarton and Goffstown was established January 7, 1853. A portion of Goffstown was annexed to Manchester July 1, 1853.]

See Massachusetts charters preceding and Masonian Papers in following volumes ; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 306 ; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 25 ; Index to Laws, 209 ; sketch, by Alonzo F. Carr, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1886, p. 303 ; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 17 ; Brief History of the Congregational Church, by S. L. Gerould, 1881 ; Annual Records of the Church, pamphlets issued yearly ; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 170 ; sketch, 12, Farmer's Monthly Visitor, 48, 81.]

### [GOFFSTOWN INCORPORATED, 1761.]

GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain

\*Province of New Hampshire } France & Ireland King Defender of. \*1-233  
   } the Faith &c—

To all whom these Presents shall come

Goffes Town

GREETING.

{ P—S }

WHEREAS our Loyal Subjects Inhabiting of a Tract of Land within our Province of New Hampshire by the name of Goff's Town have humbly Petitioned & Requested us that they may be Erected & Incorporated into a Township & Infranchized w<sup>th</sup> the same

Powers & Priviledges with other Towns within our said Province by Law have & Enjoy—And it appearing to us to be Conducive to the General Good of our said Province as well as to the said Inhabitants in Particular, by Maintaining good order and Incourageing the the Coulture of the Lands that the same should be done

KNOW YE therefore that we of our Special grace certain Knowledge & for the Encouragement & promoting the good ends & purposes aforesaid by & with the advice of our Trusty & well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor & Commander in Cheif & of our Council for said Province of New Hampshire have Erected & Ordained & by these Presents for us our heirs & Successors do will & ordain that our Loving Subjects Residing on the Tract of Land aforesaid or that shall hereafter Reside and Improve thereon, the same being Limited and Bounded as follows. Beginning at the North East corner of Souhegan East so called at the Main River and then runs west by said Souhegan line Seven Miles thence North Two degrees West Five miles thence East to the Main River then by said River as that runs to the place where the said Bounds begin. the same Extending seven Miles in Length and five Miles Breadth. shall be and by these Presents are declared & Ordaind to be a town Corporate & are hereby Erected & Incorporated into a Body Politic & Corporate to have a Continuance untill 25 March 1763 by the Name of Goff's Town with all the Powers & Authorities Priviledges Immunities and Franchies which any other Town in said Province by Law hold & Enjoy always Reserving to us our heirs & Successors all white pine Trees that are or shall be found growing & being on the said Tract of Land fit for the use of our Royal Navy—Reserving to us our heres & Successors the Power & Right of divideing said Town when it shall appear Necessary & Convenient for the Benefit of the Inhabitants \*thereof

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Provided Nevertheless and it is hereby Declared that this our Charter & Grant is not Intended or shall in any manner be construed to extend to or Effect the private Property of the Soil within the Limits afores<sup>d</sup>. And as the several Towns within our said Province of New Hampshire are by the Laws thereof Enabled & Authorized to Assemble & by the Majority of the Votes present To chuse all such Officers & Transact such affairs as by the said Law are declared—We do by these Presents nominate & appoint John Goffe Esq<sup>r</sup> to Call the first Meeting of said Inhabitants to be held in the said Town any time within Twenty days from the date

hereof giving legal notice of the Time, and Design of holding such meeting after which the Annual Meeting of said Town for the Choise of such Officers & Management of the Affairs aforesaid shall be held within the same on the First Monday in March—

In Testimony whereof we have Caused the seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed

WITNESS BENNING WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governour & Commander in Cheif of our said Province of New Hamps<sup>r</sup> the 16 June in the first Year of our Reign & In the Year of our Lord Christ 1761  
B Wentworth

By his Excellencys Command  
with Advice of Councill

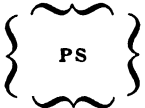
Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>r</sup>

Recorded According to the Original under the Seal of the Province this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1761—

Attest<sup>r</sup> Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>r</sup>

[GOFFSTOWN INCORPORATION RENEWED, 1763.]

\*1-259 \*Goffes Town Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>  
Renwed George the third by the Grace of God  
of great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of  
the Faith &<sup>ca</sup>

 Whereas We of Our Special Grace & upon the Petition of the Inhabitants of A Tract of Land in our said Province of New Hampshire Heretofore Known by the Name of Goffs Town and for the maintaining good Order & Encouraging the Culture of Said Lands there by Our Letters Patent or Charter under the Seal of our Said Province dated the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1761 in the first Year of Our Reign did erect & Incorporate into a Body Politick & Corporate by the Name of Goffs Town the Inhabitants of the said Tract of Land or those that should thereon Inhabit there after which Tract is butted & bounded as in the said Patten<sup>t</sup> or Charter is expressed and was to have Continuence til the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 1763 which Time being Elapsed and the Inhabitants having again Petitioned to have the Said Charter Previledges renewd & it appearing Necessary to answer the Good end Proposed as well as to Enable the Inhabitants aforesaid to assess & Collect their Rates & Taxes

Know Ye that We being Willing to Promote the good end Proposed Have of Our Further Grace & Favour by & with the advice

of our Trusty and well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Com'ander in Chieffe & of our Council for Said Province revived & regranted unto the Said Inhabitants & there successors on the Said Tract of Land all the Powers & Authoritys Previlidges Immunitys & Franchises in the Said Charter mentioned as they Enjoyd the Same while that Charter was in force and to have Continuence until we Shall Please to approve or Disallow the Same & Signify Such Our Approbation or Disallowence

In Testimony whereof We have caused the Seal of the Province aforesaid to be hereunto affixed Wittness Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff this 5<sup>th</sup> Day of April in the Third Year of Our Reign Annoq Domini 1763—

B Wentworth

By his Excellencys Com<sup>d</sup>  
with Advice of Council

Theod<sup>r</sup> Atkinson jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>r</sup>

Prov : of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> April 5<sup>th</sup> 1763

Recorded According to the Original Charter under the Prov<sup>e</sup>  
Seal Attest<sup>r</sup> T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>r</sup>

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## GORHAM.

[Granted as *Shelburne Addition*, November 21, 1770, to Mark Hunking Wentworth and others. Incorporated at Gorham, June 18, 1836.

See Index to Laws, 211; History, by N. M. True, in files of *The Mountaineer*, vol. 5, no. 45, to vol. 6, no. 23; sketch, Fergusson's History of Coös County, 1888, p. 888; History of the White Mountains, by B. G. Willey, 1870, p. 255; The White Hills, by T. Starr King, 1859, p. 245; In the Heart of the White Mountains, by S. A. Drake, 1882, p. 165.]

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## GRAFTON.

[Granted, August 14, 1761, to Ephraim Shearman and others. This grant was surrendered December 27, 1762. Regranted September 12, 1769, to Josiah Willard and others. Incorporated November 11, 1778. The boundaries were established June 18, 1802.

See X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 48; Index to Laws, 216; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 275; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 302; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 10; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 580.

## [GRAFTON CHARTER, 1761.]

\*2-109      \*Province of New-Hampshire.

Grafton

GEORGE, THE THIRD,

{ P. S. }

By the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &amp;c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.*

KNOW ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our Said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of NEW HAMPSHIRE, in *New-England*, and of our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE, upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Sixty Eight equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, Twenty three thousand & forty *Acres*, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Beginning at the South Easterly Corner of Endfield from thence South 72 degrees East Six Miles & one half Mile from thence North Thirty Six degrees East five miles & one half mile from thence North 65<sup>d</sup> W: 6 miles &  $\frac{1}{2}$  Mile to the North Westerly Corner of Endfield afores<sup>d</sup> then South forty three deg<sup>s</sup> West five Miles & one half Mile by Endfield afore Said to the Bounds begun at And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Grafton And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families



resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the *And* the other on the *annually*, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective *following the* said *and that as soon as the said Town* shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be \*opened \*2-110 and kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the Last Monday of this Instant August which said Meeting shall be Notified by Mr Ephraim Shearman who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit For Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first payment to be made on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*. 1762

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the above-said twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1772 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber in Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this is to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of August In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty one And in the First Year of Our Reign.  
B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,  
With Advice of COUNCIL,  
Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Recorded the 14<sup>th</sup> of August 1761 According to the Original under the Pro<sup>r</sup> Seal

⌘ Theod<sup>r</sup> Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Mem<sup>o</sup> the Original Charter of this Township of Grafton Surrendered Delivrd & Cancelld Agreeable to A Vote of the Grantees of the 27<sup>th</sup> December 1762

⌘ Sam<sup>l</sup> Chase

\*2-III \*The Names of the Grantees of Grafton

Eph <sup>m</sup> Shearman	Nathan Parks	Sam <sup>l</sup> Aldrich
Jonathan Chase	Isaac Willard	Jon <sup>a</sup> Aldrich
Solomon Aldrich	Eph <sup>m</sup> Taft	Eph <sup>m</sup> Shearman jun <sup>r</sup>
Moses Whipple	John Harwood jun <sup>r</sup>	Noah Curtis
Nahn <sup>l</sup> Shearman jun <sup>r</sup>	John Whipple	James McClelland

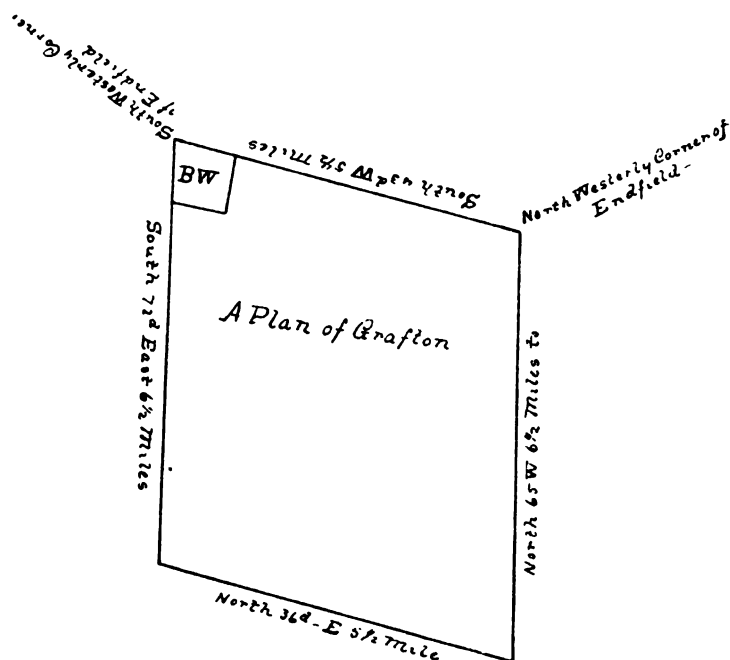
Silas Warner	John Axtel	Eph <sup>m</sup> Lion
Samuel Shearman	James Freeman	Daniel Fisher
Jacob Whipple	John Rokes	Phineas Lealand
John Sanger	Isaac Sanger	John Stow
Samuel Chase	Elijah Allen	Benj <sup>a</sup> Lealand
Mark Batchelder	John Dun jun <sup>r</sup>	John Dun
John Marsh	Samuel Powers	Ezekiel Powers
Joseph Whipple	Joseph Whipple jun <sup>r</sup>	Stephen Powers
James Lealand	Luke Drura	Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Wodsworth
Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Wadsworth jun <sup>r</sup>	Moses Lealand	Solomon Lealand
Josiah Lion	Thomas Axdell	Nath <sup>l</sup> Cooper
John Holbrook	Moses Holbrook	John Sibley
Peter Harwood	James Taylor	Benj <sup>a</sup> Webb
Webb Harwood	Hezekiah Hall	Sevey Pond
James Nevin Esq	Joseph Newmarch Esq	Daniel Jackson
Joseph Frost &	George Frost—	

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq a Tract of Land to Contain five hundred Acres as Marked B: W: which is to be Accounted Two of the within Shares one whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts one Share for A Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established One Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel One Share for the Benefit of A School in Said Town

Pro<sup>v</sup> of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> August 14<sup>th</sup> 1761

Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter of Grafton—

Ⓜ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>



Recorded from the Back of the Charter of Grafton this 14<sup>th</sup> Day  
of August 1761

Th Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

[GRAFTON REGRANT, 1769.]

\*4-18 \*Province of New } GEORGE the THIRD by the Grace  
Hampshire } of God of Great Britain France and  
(Grafton.) Ireland King Defender of the faith and so forth  
KNOW YE that we of our special Grace, certain knowledge  
& mere motion for the due encouragement of settling a new  
Plantation by and with the advice of our Trusty and well be-  
loved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor and Commander  
in Chief of our said Province of New Hampshire in New  
England, and of our Council of the same; HAVE upon the Con-  
ditions and reservations herein after made, given & granted and

by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors Do Give and Grant in equal Shares unto our Loyal Subjects Inhabitants of our said Province of New Hampshire, and our other Governments, who have Petitioned us for the same Setting forth their readiness to make immediate Settlement and to their Heirs and Assigns for Ever whose Names are enter'd on this Grant to be divided to & amongst them into SEVENTY equal Shares all that Tract or Parcel of Land known by the name of GRAFTON, Situate, lying and being within our said Province of New Hampshire, containing by admeasurement Twenty six thousand Two hundred and Sixty three Acres Two Roods and sixteen Perches out of which an allowance is to be made for Highways and unimproveable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, one thousand & Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands by our said Governor's order and returned into the Secretary's Office, a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at a hemlock Tree marked I. W. & running S<sup>o</sup> 65<sup>o</sup> E. six miles and one Half mile to a Birch Tree marked I. W. with stones round it, from thence S<sup>o</sup> 36<sup>o</sup> W. 5 miles and one half mile to a beech tree marked as afores<sup>d</sup>, from thence N<sup>o</sup> 72<sup>o</sup> W—Six miles and one half, from thence N<sup>o</sup> 11<sup>o</sup> West, 380 Rods to a small Beech Tree, with stones by it, from thence N<sup>o</sup> 43<sup>o</sup> E. five miles and one Half mile to the Hemlock tree began at. To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above express'd together with all Privileges & appurtenances to them & their respective Heirs and Assigns for ever, by the Name of GRAFTON: upon the following Terms & Conditions Viz<sup>t</sup> FIRST That the said Grantees shall settle or Cause to be Setled TWELVE Families who shall be actually \*culti- \*4-19  
 vating some Part of the land and resident thereon on or before the 29<sup>th</sup> day of Sept<sup>r</sup> 1772 & so to continue making further & additional Improvement, Cultivation and Settlement of the Premises so that there shall be actually settled & resident thereon SIXTY Families by the 29<sup>th</sup> of September 1776, on Penalty of the forfeiture of such delinquent's Share and of such Share's reverting to us our heirs and Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon and regranted to any of our Subjects who shall effectually settle & Cultivate the same. SECOND—That all white & other Pine Trees fit for Masting our Royal Navy within the said Township be carefully preserved for that use, and none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had & obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee his heirs &

Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are or hereafter shall be Enacted. **THIRD**—That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees a Tract of Land as near the centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of shall be reserv'd & marked out for Town Lots one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre. **FOURTH**—Yielding and paying therefor to us our heirs and Successors on or before the 29<sup>th</sup> day of Sept<sup>r</sup> 1773, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded. **FIFTH**— That every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant shall yield and pay unto us our Heirs and Successors yearly and every Year for Ever from and after the expiration of One year from the abovesaid 29<sup>th</sup> day of Sept<sup>r</sup> namely on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of Sept<sup>r</sup> which will be in the year of our Lord 1774. **ONE SHILLING** Proclamation money for every hundred Acres he so owns, Settles or Possesses and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land, which money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their heirs or Assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsm<sup>o</sup> or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same. **SIXTH** That there be cut, cleared & made passable for Carriages &c thro' the said Township a Road not exceeding Eight rods wide and this to be completed by or before the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 1770, in failure whereof the Premises and every Part thereof to revert to \*4-20 us our Heirs and Successors : and \*these to be in lieu of all other Rents and services whatsoever.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province of New Hampshire to be hereunto affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor and Commander in Chief afors<sup>d</sup> the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Sept<sup>r</sup> in the 9<sup>th</sup> year of our Reign Annoque Domni 1769.

J<sup>r</sup> Wentworth

By his Excell<sup>cy</sup> Command }  
with advice of Council }  
T : Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

NAMES of the Grantees of the Township of GRAFTON.—

Josiah Willard Esq <sup>r</sup>	William Sumner	Benj <sup>a</sup> Summer
John Kilburn	Joseph Taylor	Isaac Temple
Stephen Temple	Samuel Ashley	Oliver Ashley
Samuel Ashley Jun <sup>r</sup>	Solomon Willard	Micah Lawrence
Jarahmael Powers	Josiah Willard Jun <sup>r</sup>	Will <sup>m</sup> Simons
Simon Davis	John Larrabee	Lois Butler

Samuel Newton	Nathan Thomas	Oliver Barrett
Benj <sup>a</sup> Barrett	Daniel Jones Esq <sup>r</sup>	Benj <sup>a</sup> Emmons
Simeon Olcott	John Church	Samuel Hunt
Enos Stevens	Joseph Lord	Samson Willard
Eph <sup>m</sup> Baldwin	Isaac Butterfield	Samuel Smith
Daniel Cass	Joseph Cass	Francis Norwood
Elijah Medder	Jon <sup>a</sup> Buffum	Nathaniel Taft
Silas Gaskil	Ezra Allen	Nathan <sup>l</sup> Whiple
Jon <sup>a</sup> Gaskil	Ja <sup>a</sup> Kingsly	Henry Ingalls
Stephen Kempton	Jedediah Buffum	Tho <sup>a</sup> Josslyn
Daniel Reed	Abner Aldrich	John Sprague
Thomas Frink Esq <sup>r</sup>	Samuel Whitmore	Jeremiah Whitmore
John Thompson	Tim <sup>o</sup> Thompson	Roger Thompson
Paul Richardson	Prentice Willard	Jon <sup>a</sup> Willard [Esq :
John Hurd Esq <sup>r</sup>	Theodore Atkinson Esq :	Theod <sup>r</sup> Atkinson Jun <sup>r</sup>
Peter Gilman Esq :	Tho <sup>a</sup> Cushing Esq :	John Hancock Esq :
James Otis Esq <sup>r</sup>	One Right for a glebe for the Church of England	
by Law establish'd—One Right for the first settled Minister.		
One Right for the benefit of a school in said Town for Ever—		

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Province of New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1769—  
 Recorded according to the Original charter of Grafton &  
 Schedule annex'd. J. Geo. King D Sec<sup>r</sup>





## [GRANT TO GEORGE KING, 1769.]

\*Province of New Hampshire.

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George King's } GEORGE the THIRD by the Grace of GOD of  
 Grant } Great Britain France and Ireland KING De-  
 fender of the faith and so forth.

KNOW YE that we of our special grace certain knowlege, and mere motion and for encouraging the Settlement and culture of our Lands within our said Province of New Hampshire.—Have (by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our GOVERNOR & Com<sup>and</sup> in Chief of our said province and of our Council of the same) given and granted and by these presents for us our Heirs and Successors Do give and grant unto our Loving Subject GEORGE KING Esq<sup>r</sup> (who hath made application to us for the same in order to make a Settlement thereupon,) being about Fifty Acres each, to the number in his Family to him & his Heirs and Assigns forever upon the Terms herein particularly recited and express'd; a certain Tract or parcel of Land lying between the Patent line so called & the Township of Grafton in our said Province and containing by admeasure<sup>t</sup> One thousand four Hundred & seventy three acres two roods and Twenty Perches as by a plan or Survey thereof exhibited by our Survey<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> of Lands for our said Province by our said Governor's Order & returned into the Secretary's

Office \*a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed may more \*I-349 fully appear: butted and bounded as follows, Viz<sup>t</sup>.—

Begining at the North East Corner of Grafton at a birch Tree with Stones by it, thence runing S<sup>o</sup> 65<sup>o</sup> East Seventy two Chains and fifty links to a beech Tree marked with stones by it standing by Masons Patent line so called, then turning off & runing South about Fifty degrees West, One Hundred and forty one chains to a beech Tree mark'd, then South about Forty five degrees West Four hundred & Sixty Chains to a hemlock Tree in the Patent line afores<sup>d</sup> with marks upon it, thence turning off and runing South Sixty five degrees East Twenty seven rods to a beech tree, then turning off and runing North Thirty six degrees East five miles and one half mile to the birch Tree at the North East Corner of Grafton the Station began at. To HAVE and to hold the said Tract of Land as above express'd to him the said GEO: KING as aforesaid forever; upon the following Terms Conditions and reservations, Videlicet— —FIRST. That there be cut clear'd and made passable for Carriages &c<sup>a</sup> thro' the said Tract a road of Eight rods

wide as shall at any time hereafter be directed or Order'd by the Governor and Council aforesaid, which Road shall be completed in Six years from the date of such Order or Direction of our said Governor and Council on penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant and of its reverting to us our Heirs and Successors. SECOND—That the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be settled Five Families to be actually resident on the Premises by the expiration of Ten Years from the date of this Grant in failure whereof the said Tract to revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon and regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle & Cultivate the same. THIRD—That all white & other pine Trees being and growing within the said Tract fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserv'd for that use, and none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had & obtained on penalty of the forfeiture of the right of the said Grantee in the said Tract of Land, & of its reverting to us our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament. FOURTH. Yielding and paying therefor to us our \*1-350 Heirs and Successors on or before \*the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 1778, the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if Lawfully demanded. FIFTH. That the said Grantee his Heirs or Assigns shall yield & pay unto us our heirs and Successors yearly and every Year for ever from & after the expiration of one Year from the abovesaid 29<sup>th</sup> day of September namely on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of Sept<sup>r</sup> which will be in the Year of our Lord Christ 1779, One Shilling Proclamation money for every hundred Acres he so Owns, Settles or Possesses and so in proportion for a Greater or lesser Tract of the said Land, which Money shall be paid by the respective Owner, Proprietor or Setler as aforesaid in our Council Chamber in Portsm<sup>o</sup> or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same, and these to be in lieu of all other Rents and services whatsoever.—

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed WITNESS JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor and Commander in Chief in and over our said Province of New Hampshire the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November in the year of our Lord Christ 1769 and in the 10<sup>th</sup> Year of our Reign.

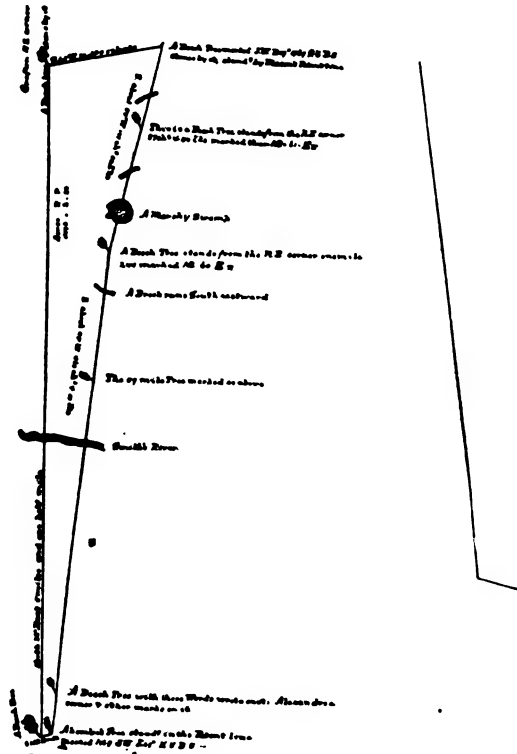
J Wentworth

By his Excellency's Command  
with advice of Council  
Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

{ L. S. }

Province of New Hampshire, 24<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1769—  
 Recorded according to the Original Grant under the Province  
 Seal.

P<sup>r</sup> Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>



Province of New Hamps<sup>r</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>t</sup> 1769  
 These Certify that this Plan contain<sup>g</sup> 1473 Acres 2 Roods & 20  
 Perches, bounded on the East by the Patent line & on the West by  
 a Tract of Land called Grafton. is a true Copy of an Original Plan  
 or Survey of said tract as taken & returned to me by M<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>a</sup>  
 Sumner D<sup>y</sup> S<sup>r</sup>

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## GRANTHAM.

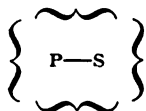
[Granted July 11, 1761, to John Kathan and others. No settlements were made under this grant. Regranted as *New Grantham* June 8, 1767, to Col. William Simms and others. The westerly part of this town and the easterly part of Plainfield were made the parish of Meriden, June 23, 1780. Incorporated as *New Grantham*, February 5, 1788. The line between this town and Cornish and Croydon was established December 3, 1808. Incorporated as Grantham June 12, 1818. A tract of land was severed from Grantham and annexed to Enfield, January 13, 1837. A portion was severed and annexed to Cornish, December 25, 1844. A part of the gore between Grantham and Springfield was annexed June 25, 1858. A portion of the town was annexed to Plainfield July 12, 1856.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 318; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 56; Index to Laws, 218; sketch by L. D. Dunbar, Hurd's History of Sullivan County, 1886, p. 170; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 449.]

## [GRANTHAM CHARTER, 1761.]

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Grantham



\*Province of New-Hampshire.

GEORGE, THE THIRD,

By the Grace of GOD, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.*

KNOW ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer motion, for the due Encouragement 'of settling a *New Plantation* within our Said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of NEW HAMPSHIRE, in *New-England*, and of Our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Sixty Eight equal Shares, all that tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, Twenty three Thousand & Forty *Acres*, which tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is

to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Beginning at the South West Corner of Endfield from thence South fifty Eight degrees East by the South Line of Endfield Six Miles & three Quarters of A Mile to the South East Corner thereof from thence South Forty One Degrees West Five Miles and Three Quarters of A Mile from thence North Sixty one degrees West Seven Miles from thence North Forty two degrees East to the first bounds Mentioned Six Miles—And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Grantham—And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy : And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the

And the other on the

annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said

and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be \*opened and kept one or more \*2-70 Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantageous to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the First Tuesday in September next which said Meeting shall be Notified by John Kathan who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province ; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by

additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Foreiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or Them Re-granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked but for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*. 1762

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1772 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possess, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this is to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the Eleventh Day of July In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty one And in the First Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,  
 With Advice of COUNCIL, Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>  
 Prov<sup>r</sup> New Hamp<sup>r</sup> July 11<sup>th</sup> 1761  
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## \*The Names of the Grantees of Grantham

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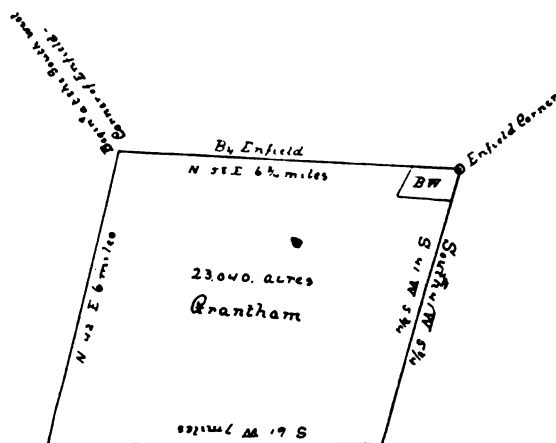
John Kathan	Alexander Kathan	John Kathan jun <sup>r</sup>
Daniel Kathan	Charles Kathan	David Wallis
Jonathan Wallis	William Wallis	John Wallis
Thomas Wallis	John Lawson	John Lawson jun <sup>r</sup>
Mathew Paul jun <sup>r</sup>	Elisha Hall	Daniel Hall
Mathew Bolton	Thomas Beard	Thomas Beard jun <sup>r</sup>
Daniel Beard	John Beard	Isaac Beard
James Hart	James Hart jun <sup>r</sup>	Charles Hart
Theodore Atkinson jun <sup>r</sup>	James Sloan	Joseph Dyer
Joseph Dyer jun <sup>r</sup>	Will <sup>m</sup> Pearson	Joseph Blanchard
Mathew Thornton	John Carpenter	Will <sup>m</sup> Brady
Joshua Tucker	John Bartholomew	John Smith
John Menily	Robert Stewart	Oliver Smith
Martin Ashley	Joseph Root	Philip Root
Elisha Root	Moses Root	Joseph Root jun <sup>r</sup>
James Stewart	John Hazzan	William Hazzan
Eph <sup>m</sup> Bayley	Robert Peasley	Jacob Bayley
Charles Kathan	Richard Wibird Esq	James Nevin Esq
Tho <sup>s</sup> Wallingsford Esq	John Gage Esq	Wiseman Claggitt
Tho <sup>s</sup> Wibird Esq	Mark Langdon	Esq
Cap <sup>t</sup> Joseph Langdon	& John Langdon	John Griffith

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq A Tract of Land to  
 Contain Five Hundred Acres as Marked in the Plan B—W:  
 which is to be accounted Two of the within Shares one whole  
 Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the  
 Gospel in Foreign Partes One Share for A Glebe for the Church of  
 England as by Law Established One Share for the first Settled  
 Minister of the Gospel & one Share for the Benefit of A School in  
 Said Town

Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> July 11—1761

Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter under the  
 Pro<sup>r</sup> Seal

⌘ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>



Prov<sup>e</sup> of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> July 11—1761

Recorded from the Back of the original Charter

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[NEW GRANTHAM CHARTER, 1767.]

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\*Province of New-Hampshire.

New Grantham GEORGE, THE THIRD,

{ P. S. } By the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.* Know Ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, in *New-England*, and of Our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE, upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving



Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, Twenty three thousand & forty *Acres*, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty *Acres* free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows *Viz.* Beginning at the South west Corner of Enfield from thence South 58<sup>deg</sup> East by the South Line of Enfield Six miles  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile to the South East Corner thereof, from thence South 41<sup>deg</sup> west 5 miles &  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile, from thence North 61<sup>deg</sup> seven miles, from thence N<sup>o</sup> 42<sup>deg</sup> East 6 miles to the first bounds mentioned—And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of New Grantham And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the

And the other on the \_\_\_\_\_ annually,  
which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective  
\_\_\_\_\_ following the said \_\_\_\_\_ and that

as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families,  
a Market may be \*opened and kept one or more Days in 3-186\*  
each Week, as may be thought most advantageous to the  
Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town  
Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held  
on the first Day of December next which said Meeting shall be  
Notified by Daniel Jones Esq<sup>r</sup> who is hereby also appointed the  
Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and  
Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province;  
and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of  
such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday  
of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land  
as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurte-

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Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of June In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and sixty seven And in the Seventh Year of Our Reign.

B : Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,  
With Advice of COUNCIL,

Province of New Hampshire June 9<sup>th</sup> 1767

Recorded according to the Original under the Provincial Seal :

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\*3-187 \*Names of the Grantees of New Grantham

Coll. Will <sup>m</sup> Simms	Cap <sup>t</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> Hunt	Cap <sup>t</sup> Jon : Hunt
Elisha Hunt	M <sup>r</sup> Abigail Hall	Elisha Williams Esq <sup>r</sup>
Elisha Williams Jun <sup>r</sup>	L <sup>t</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> Ashley	Oliver Ashley
Capt : Joseph Stebbins	Elijah Stebbins	Eliakim Stebbins
James Dwyer	M <sup>r</sup> Packer	T : Atkinson Jun <sup>r</sup> Esq <sup>r</sup>
James Stoodly Esq <sup>r</sup>	L <sup>t</sup> David Field	Thomas Williams Esq :
Tho <sup>s</sup> Williams jun <sup>r</sup>	Daniel Jones	Josiah Jones
James Stoodly jun <sup>r</sup>	Amos Tute	Seth Catlin
John Williams	Nath <sup>l</sup> Dickinson	Col <sup>o</sup> John Hawke
Moses Hawke	Martin Ashley	Tho <sup>s</sup> Rockwood
Sam <sup>l</sup> Dickinson	Rufus Wells	Medad Pomroy
Eleaz <sup>r</sup> Pomroy	Lucius Doolittle	Oliver Doolittle
Charles Doolittle	Simeon Alexander	Elisha Alexander
Israel Jones	Elias Jones	Moses Belding
Benj <sup>a</sup> Hall Esq <sup>r</sup>	Bunkes Gay	Seth Field Esq <sup>r</sup>
George Field	Rufus Field	Arad Hunt
L <sup>t</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> Hunt	Oliver Barrett	Lois Butler
Oliver Warner	Sam <sup>l</sup> Partridge	John Hunt
John Hunt jun <sup>r</sup>	Gad Lyman	Phinehas Lyman
Benj <sup>a</sup> Hall jun <sup>r</sup> Esq	Sameon Willard	William Palfrey
Benj <sup>a</sup> Barrett	the Hon James Nevin	} Esq <sup>m</sup>
	Theod <sup>r</sup> Atkinson	

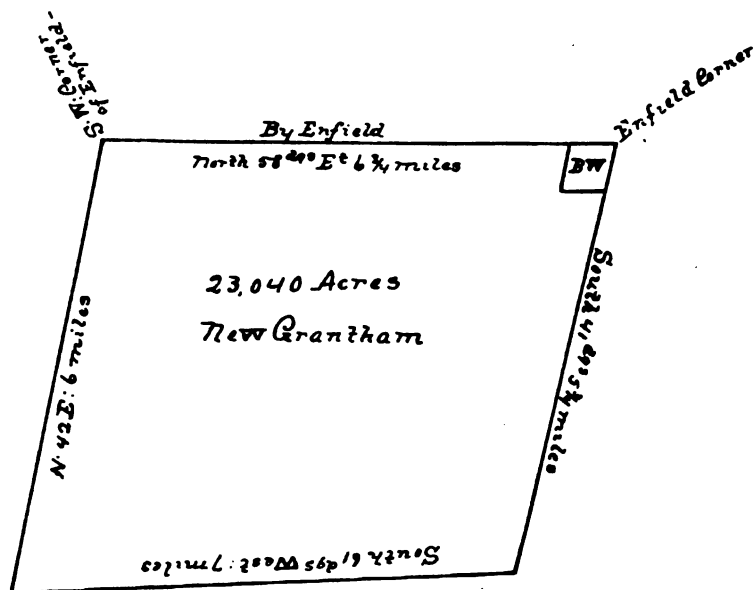
His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> a Tract of Land to Contain Five hundred Acres as marked in the Plan B : W : which is to be accounted two of the within Shares, One whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, One Share for a Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established, One Share for the first settled Minister of

the Gospel, & One share for the Benefit of a school in said Town for Ever.—

Province of New Hampshire June 9<sup>th</sup> 1767

Recorded from the back of the Original Charter under the Province Seal

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Province of New Hampshire June 9<sup>th</sup> 1767

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[GREEN'S LOCATION, 1774.]

\*4-229 \*Province of } GEORGE the third by the grace of  
New Hampshire } God of Great Britain France and Ire-  
FRANCIS GREEN'S } land King defender of the Faith &c  
Location } To all to whom these presents shall  
come greeting  
WHEREAS WE have thought fit by our proclamation at S<sup>t</sup> James's

the seventh day of October in the third year of our reign Annoque Domini 1763 among other things to testify our royal Sense and approbation of the conduct & bravery of the Officers & Soldiers of our Armies & signified our desire to reward the same & have therein commanded & impowered our Several Governors of our respective Provinces on the Continent of America to grant without Fee or reward to such reduced Officers as have served in North America during the late War and to such private Soldiers as have been or shall be disbanded there & shall personally apply for the same such quantities of Land respectively as in & by our afore-said Proclamation are particularly mention'd subject nevertheless to the same Quitrents \*and conditions of \*4-230 cultivation & improvement as other our Lands are subject to in the Province in which they are granted. And whereas Francis Green of Boston in our County of Suffolk and Province of Massachusetts Bay Gentleman had our appointment as a Lieutenant and served in America during the late War and is now reduced & he having made personal Application & solicited for such Grant agreeable to our said Proclamation

KNOW YE that WE of our special Grace certain knowledge & meer Motion do signify our Approbation as aforesaid and for the encouragement settlement & cultivation of our Lands within our said Province of New Hampshire have and by and with the advice of our trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor in chief of our said Province of New Hampshire & of our Council of the same agreeable to our aforesaid in part recited Proclamation & upon the conditions & reservations hereafter mention'd given & granted and by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give & grant unto the said Francis Green and to his Heirs and Assigns forever a certain Tract or parcel of Land situate lying & being in our Province of New Hampshire afore-said containing by admeasurement Two thousand & thirty two Acres of Land as by a Plan or Survey of said Tract exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province of New Hampshire & returned into the Secretary's Office of our said Province a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed may more fully appear butted & bounded as follows viz<sup>t</sup>. Begining at a Beech Tree marked standing on the South boundary Line of Thomas Martin's Location Sixty Chains South eighty two degrees East from Pebody's River so called thence runs South eight degrees West Two Miles to a Birch Tree marked thence North eighty two degrees West one Mile forty two Chains & fifty Links to

a Beech Tree marked from thence North eight degrees West twenty Chains to a Beech Tree marked from thence North eight degrees East one Mile & Sixty Chains to a Beech Tree marked & from thence South eighty two degrees East One Mile forty seven Chains & fifty Links along the South Line of said Martins Location to the Beech Tree first began at To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted Premises as above expressed to him the said Francis Green his Heirs & Assigns forever upon the following Terms, conditions & reservations viz<sup>t</sup>

FIRST That the said Grantee shall cut clear & make \*4-231 passable a \*Road through the said Tract of Land four Rods wide for Carriages &c as shall be at any time hereafter directed or ordered by the Governor & Council aforesaid which Road is to be completed in one Year from the date of the Order or direction aforesaid on penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant and of its reverting to us our Heirs & Successors

SECONDLY That the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be settled four Families in three Years from the date of this Grant in failure whereof the Premises to revert to Us our Heirs and Successors to be entered upon & regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same

THIRDLY That all white & other pine Trees fit for masting our royal Navy be carefully preserved for that Use & none to be cut or felled without our special leave & Licence for so doing first had & obtained on penalty of the forfeiture of the right of the Grantee to Us Our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.

FOURTHLY That the Grantee yield and pay therefor to Us our Heirs & Successors on or before the first day of January 1776 the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded

FIFTHLY That the Grantee his Heirs and Assigns shall yield & pay unto us our Heirs & Successors yearly & every Year forever from and after the expiration of eight Years from the aforesaid first day of January 1776 One Shilling proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he so owns settles or possesses and so in proportion for a greater or less quantity of the Land aforesaid which Money shall be paid by the respective Proprietor or Settler as aforesaid in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same

SIXTHLY That any part of the Premises appearing well adapted to the growth of Hemp & Flax or either of them shall be culti-

vated with those useful Articles of produce in the proportion of Ten Acres in each & every hundred of these granted Premises within ten Years of this date

SEVENTHLY That this Grant shall not interfere with any of our Grants formerly made & now in force nor interrupt the Grantees in their improvements making thereon agreeable to the conditions thereof—These to be in lieu of all other Rents & Services whatsoever

IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our aforesaid Governor and Commander in chief the eleventh day of \*November in the fifteenth Year of \*4-232 our reign, and in the Year of our Lord Christ 1774

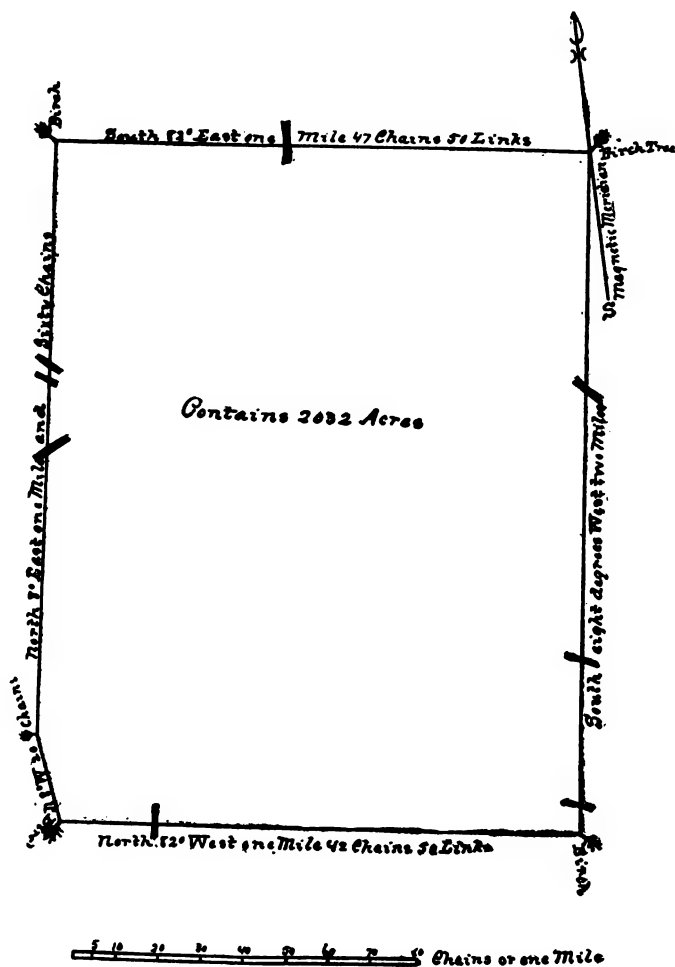
J. { P. S. } Wentworth

By His Excellencys command  
with advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Recorded according to the original Charter under the Province Seal this twenty ninth day of November 1774

Attest<sup>y</sup> Geo : King Dep<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>



\*4-233 \*Province of New Hampshire, Portsmouth October 21<sup>st</sup> 1774 This certifies that the annexed Plan of a Tract of Land beginning at a Beech Tree marked standing on the South boundary Line of M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Martins Location Sixty Chains South eighty two degrees East from Pebody's River so called thence runs South eight degrees West two Miles to a Birch Tree marked thence North eighty two degrees West, one Mile fourty two



Chains & fifty Links to a Beech Tree marked from thence North eight degrees West twenty Chains to a Beech Tree marked from thence North eight degrees East one Mile & sixty Chains to a Birch Tree marked and from thence South eighty two degrees East one Mile fourty seven Chains & fifty Links along the South Line of said Martins Location to the Beech Tree first begun at contains two thousand and thirty two Acres including unimprovable Mountains and Rivers and is a true Copy of an original Survey of said Tract made for Mr Francis Green reduced as a Lieutenant from his Majestys fourtieth Regiment of Foot pursuant to an Order of Survey from his Excellency John Wentwort Esq' Governor and Commander in chief in and over the Province aforesaid—Surveyed June 30<sup>th</sup> 1774

Attest George Sproule Surv<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>  
Copy examin'd by Geo : King Dep<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

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### GREENLAND.

[Set off from Portsmouth as a parish in 1704, and granted full town privileges in 1721. Parts of Stratham were annexed December 18, 1805, and July 2, 1847. The line between Greenland and Stratham was established June 23, 1859, and the act was amended June 27, 1860.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 320; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 64; Index to Laws, 220; sketch, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 299; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 57; Contributions to a History of, by A. M. Haines, 22, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 451; Early Ministerial Records, by W. P. Haines, *id.*, vol. 28, p. 251, to vol. 29, p. 30.]

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### GREENVILLE.

[Set off from Mason and incorporated June 28, 1872. The line between Greenville and Mason was established July 2, 1873.

See papers under title Mason; Index to Laws, 221; sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 518.]

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### GROTON.

[Granted as *Cockermouth*, July 8, 1761, to George Abbott and others. No settlements were made under this grant. Regranted November 22, 1766, to John Hale and others. The charter was renewed January 24, 1772. A portion of the

town was combined with a portion of Plymouth, to make the town of Hebron, June 15, 1792. The name was changed to Groton, December 7, 1796. A portion of Hebron was annexed to Groton, June 26, 1845.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 328; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 73; Index to Laws, 221; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 228; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 10, 14; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 547.]

[COCKERMOUTH CHARTER, 1761.]

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\*Province of New-Hampshire.

Cockermouth

GEORGE THE THIRD,

{ P. S. }

By the Grace of GOD, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.*

KNOW ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of NEW HAMPSHIRE, in *New-England*, and of our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement twenty Three Thousand and Six Hundred *Acres*, which Tract is to contain Something more then Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, Each One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Begining at the South East Corner of Dorchester from Thence by the East line of Dorchester North twenty degrees East Six miles to the Northeast Corner of Dor-

chester from Thence South Sixty one degrees East Seven miles from Thence South thirty degrees West five miles and an half, from Thence North Sixty four Degrees West Six miles to The first Bounds Mentioned—And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Cockermouth And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the

And the other on the

annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said

and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be \*opened and kept one or 2-46\* more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantageous to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the First Tuesday in August Next which said Meeting shall be Notified by M<sup>r</sup> James Brackenridge of Palmer who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or Them Re-granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for

that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*. 1762

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the above-said twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of our Lord 1772—*One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber in Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this is to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the Eighth Day of July In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty one And in the first Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command  
With Advice of COUNCIL.

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Prov<sup>o</sup> of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> } Recorded According to the Original under  
July 8<sup>th</sup> 1761 } the Province Seal

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

## \*The Names of the Grantees of Cockermouth

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George Abbot	John Smith	Robert Smith
Joseph Peterson	William Blackmore	Joshua M <sup>c</sup> Master
David Blackmore	David Flemming	John Sheares
Benning Wentworth	William Sheres	John Hill
James Brakenridge	Thomas King	John King
David Cooley	Noah Thompson	Moses Cooley
William Little	John Thompson	Hugh M <sup>c</sup> Master
Robert M <sup>c</sup> Master	Uriah Ward	James Thomson
Henry Thompson	James Moor	Aaron Graves
Moses Graves	James Merike	Aaron King
John M <sup>c</sup> Clethen	John Murrey	Alexand <sup>r</sup> Bothel
Abner Towsley	Stephen Blackmore	Geo : Brakenridge
John Wentworth jun <sup>r</sup>	Reuben Towsley	Francis Brakinridge
John Green	Charles Cavanah	John Cutt
Thomas Wentworth	Robert Read	John Libby
Thomas Peverly	John Nelson Merch <sup>t</sup>	John Clark
John Ley	Thomas Warren	Benj <sup>a</sup> Davis
Theod <sup>r</sup> Atkinson jun <sup>r</sup>	William Kenady	William Blunt
Charles Blunt	William Lancy	John Langdon
George Firnald	Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>r</sup>	M <sup>r</sup> H <sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>

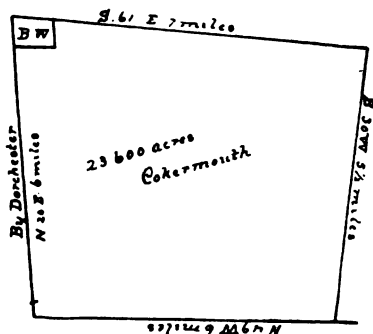
Benning Wentworth John Nelson Merch<sup>t</sup>

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq a Tract of Land to Contain five Hundred Acres as Marked in the Plan B: W. which is to be Accounted Two of the within Shares One whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in forreign Parts One Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel One Share for A Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established One Share for the Benefit of A School in Said Town—

Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> July 8<sup>th</sup> 1761—

Recorded according to the Original from the Back of the Charter under the Province Seal

✠ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>



Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> July 8<sup>th</sup> 1761—  
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 Pr<sup>o</sup>— Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>r</sup>

[COCKERMOUTH REGRANT, 1766.]

\*3-162 \*Province of New-Hampshire.

Cockermouth GEORGE, THE THIRD,

{ P. S. }  
 By the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and  
 Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &c.  
*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come,*  
 Greeting.

KNOW Ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, in *New-England*, and of Our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement Twenty three thousand Six Hundred *Acres*, which Tract is to con-

tain Six Miles square, and no more ; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Beginning at the South East Corner of Dorchester from thence by the E<sup>t</sup> Line of Dorchester N<sup>o</sup> 20 d<sup>m</sup> E<sup>t</sup> Six miles to the N: E: Corner of Dorchester from thence S<sup>o</sup> 61<sup>st</sup> East Seven miles from thence S<sup>o</sup> 30 d<sup>m</sup> West five miles & an half from thence North 64<sup>st</sup> West Six miles to the bounds first mention'd And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Cocker-mouth And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the

And the other on the annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following

the said and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be \*opened \*3-163 and kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the which said Meeting shall be Notified by who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the

of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our

Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for that so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*. 1767

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1777 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this is to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the Twenty Second Day of November In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Six and in the Seventh Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCYS Command,  
With Advice of COUNCIL,

T: Atkinson j: Secr'y



Prov<sup>o</sup> of New Hampshire 22<sup>d</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1766

Recorded according to the Original Charter under the Prov :  
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\*Names of the Grantees of Cockermouth—

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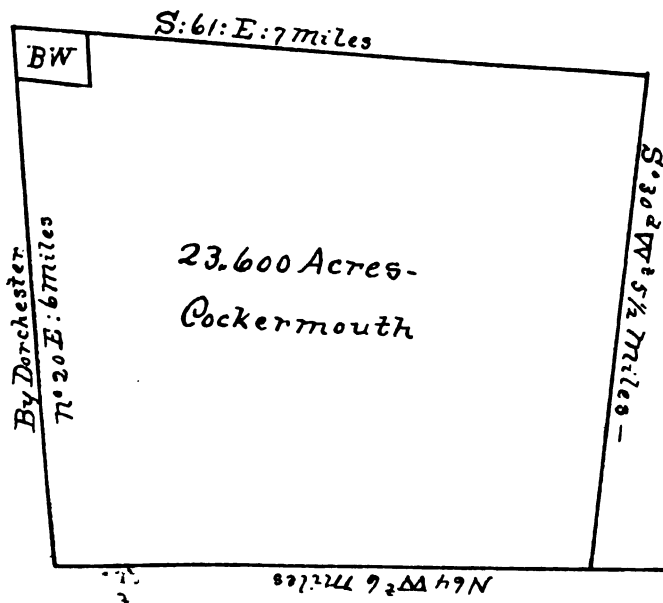
John Hall Esq <sup>r</sup>	Tho <sup>s</sup> Colburn	Thomas Patch
Jn <sup>o</sup> Thompson	Jos <sup>h</sup> Lessley	Abr <sup>m</sup> Hunter
Sam <sup>l</sup> Hobart	Will Prescott	Amos Fisk
Henry Thompson	Amos Eastman	Abr <sup>m</sup> Hunter j <sup>r</sup>
Stephen Powers	Jon <sup>a</sup> Eastman	Tho <sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>
Noah Thompson	Amos Eastman j <sup>r</sup>	John Green
Benj <sup>a</sup> Blanchard	Ja <sup>s</sup> Taylor	Isaac Williams
Benj. Thompson	Will <sup>m</sup> Taylor	Tho <sup>s</sup> Peverly
Benj. Blanchard j <sup>r</sup>	Dan <sup>l</sup> Lovejoy	Jn <sup>o</sup> Briard
Rufus Thompson	Jon <sup>a</sup> Danforth	John Marsh
Jon <sup>a</sup> Lovejoy	Will : Tenney	Ja <sup>s</sup> Hight
Matt <sup>r</sup> Thompson	S <sup>i</sup> Cummings j <sup>r</sup>	Hall Jackson
Phin <sup>s</sup> Lovejoy	Amos Phillips	Jn <sup>o</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>
Ja <sup>s</sup> McLellan	Caleb Farley	Amos Beck
Hugh White	Step <sup>n</sup> Ames	Joseph Welch
Lemuel Blackmore	John Atwell	Mich <sup>l</sup> Martin
Henry Thompson j <sup>r</sup>	Ja <sup>s</sup> Goold	Sam <sup>l</sup> Hart j <sup>r</sup>
Benj. Abbott	Oliver Lawrence	Theo <sup>o</sup> Atkinson j <sup>r</sup> Esq <sup>r</sup>
Jon <sup>a</sup> Johnson	Eleazer Fisk	George Furnell
Sam <sup>l</sup> Hazelton	Sam <sup>l</sup> Cutt	Theo <sup>o</sup> Atkinson
Ben <sup>s</sup> Wentworth	Jon <sup>a</sup> Colburn	M <sup>k</sup> H <sup>s</sup> Wentworth } Esq <sup>rs</sup>
		John Nelson

Five Hundred Acres for his Excellency Benn<sup>s</sup> Wentworth as marked B. W. in the Plan, which is to be accounted two of the within Shares. One share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts. One Share for a Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Establish'd. One share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel. & One Share for the benefit of a school in s<sup>d</sup> Town for Ever—

Province New Hampshire Nov<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1766

Recorded from the back of the Original Charter under the Province Seal—

✠ T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>r</sup>—



Prov<sup>o</sup> of New Hampshire 22<sup>d</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1766

Recorded from the Plan on the back of the Original Charter of Cocker mouth under the Prov<sup>o</sup> Seal—

⌘ T Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>r</sup>

[COCKERMOUTH CHARTER RENEWED, 1772.]

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Province of New Hampshire }

{ L. S. }

(Cockermouth Extended)

\*GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland KING Defender of the Faith &c.

To ALL to whom these Presents shall come GREETING

WHEREAS we of our special grace certain knowledge & mere Motion for the due encouragement of settling a New Plantation within our said Province of New Hampshire by our Letters Patent or Charter under the Seal of our said Province Dated the 22<sup>d</sup> day of November 1766, in the seventh year of our Reign, Did grant a Tract of Land equal to Six

Miles square, bounded as therein express'd to a number of our loyal Subjects whose Names are enter'd on the same, to Hold to them their Heirs & Assigns on the Conditions therein declared to be a Town Corporate by the Name of COCKERMOUTH as by reference to the said Charter may more fully appear. And whereas the said Grantees have represented unto us that by reason of the great Inconveniencies which occur in the settlement of New Townships so remotely situated from any other Settlements that can afford any assistance hath render'd it impracticable for the whole Number of Grantees to perform that part of the Conditions that relates to the Cultivation of such a proportion of the said Grant; that there is a considerable number of Families now resident on the Premises, w<sup>ch</sup> affords them hopes of a final Settlement without delay & humbly supplicating us not to take advantage of the breach of said Conditions, \*but to \*I-401 lengthen out and grant them some further Time for the performance thereof; all which being duly Consider'd.

KNOW YE that We being willing to encourage & promote the Cultivation and Settlement of the said Tract, have of our further Grace and Favour suspended our claim of the forfeiture which the said Grantees may have Incurred, & by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors, (by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor & Commander in Chief of our said Province & of our Council of the same) do grant unto the said Grantees, their Heirs and Assigns the further Term of Three Years from the date hereof for performing and fulfilling the Conditions Matters & Things by them to be done as aforesaid; Except the Quit Rents, which are to remain due & payable as express'd & reserved in the Original Grant or Charter

IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness our Governor & Commander in Chief aforesaid the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January in the 12<sup>th</sup> year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1772.

J<sup>r</sup> Wentworth

By his Excellency's Command  
with advice of Council.

Theodore Atkinson Secretary

Province of New Hampshire 24<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> 1772.

Recorded according to the Original Grant under the Province Seal.

Attest<sup>r</sup>

## [HALE'S LOCATION, 1771.]

\*I-396 \*Province of New } GEORGE the Third by the Grace  
 Hampshire } of God of Great Britain France  
 & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c.

{ L. S. }

To ALL to whom these presents shall come  
 GREETING.

KNOW YE that we of our special Grace certain  
 Maj<sup>r</sup> Hale's knowledge & mere Motion for the due en-  
 Grant couragement of settling & cultivating our Lands  
 within our Province aforesaid by and with the advice of our  
 Trusty & well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor &  
 Commander in chief of our said Province of New Hampshire & of  
 our Council of the same HAVE (upon the Conditions and Reserva-  
 tion herein particularly recited & express'd) given and granted  
 and by these Presents for us our Heirs & Successors do give and  
 grant unto our leige and loving Subject SAMUEL HALE of Ports-  
 mouth in our County of Rockingham in our said Province Esq<sup>r</sup> : &  
 to his Heirs and Assigns for Ever a certain Tract or parcel of Land  
 containing by Admeasurement ONE THOUSAND Two Hundred & Fif-  
 teen Acres One Rood and Twenty five Perches, situate lying &  
 being in our said Province as by a plan or Survey thereof, (exhib-  
 ited by our Surveyor Gen<sup>l</sup> of Lands for our said Province by our  
 said Governor's Order & returned into the Secretary's office of our  
 said Province, a Copy whereof is hereunto annex'd) may more  
 fully and at large appear, butted and bounded as follows, Viz<sup>t</sup>  
 Beginning at a Beech Tree standing in the west Boundary Line  
 of the Township of Conway, from thence running West One Mile  
 to a white Birch Tree, from thence North Ten Degrees West, 228  
 Rods to a Spruce Tree by a Brook, from thence East 20 Rods to  
 a Beech Tree, from thence North 96 Rods to a white ash Tree,  
 from thence North 10 Deg<sup>s</sup> East 36 Rods to a Red birch Tree,  
 from thence East 12 Rods to a Beech Tree, from thence North 10  
 Deg<sup>s</sup> East 260 Rods to an hemlock Tree, from thence North 10  
 Deg<sup>s</sup> West 176 Rods to a Stake & Stones, from thence East 173  
 Rods to a Stake & Stones, from thence turning off & running  
 South 10 Deg<sup>s</sup> East on said Conway West Boundary line 2 miles  
 1-2<sup>m</sup> to the Beech Tree began at.

To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above ex-  
 press'd to him the said Samuel Hale & to his Heirs & Assigns  
 forever upon the following Terms Conditions & Reservations Viz<sup>t</sup>

First That the said Grantee shall cut clear & make passable  
 for Carriages &c. a Road of Three Rods wide thro' the said Tract

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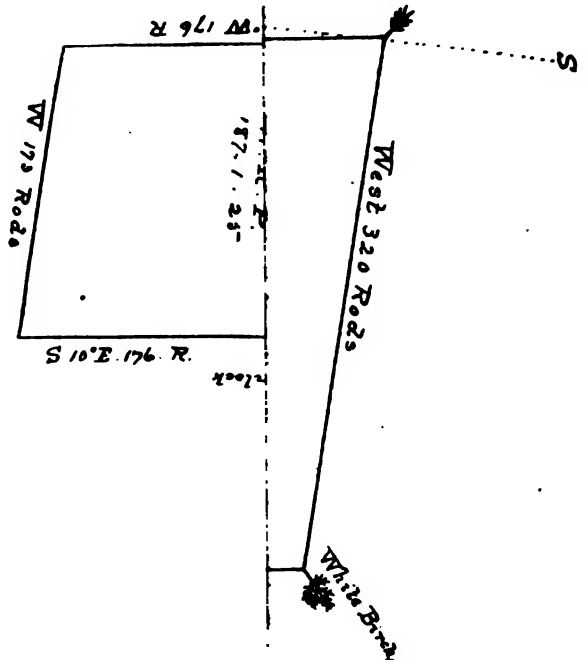
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as shall be at any Time hereafter directed or order'd by the Governor & Council aforesaid, which Road shall be completed in Two years from the date \*of such Order or Direction \*1-397 of the Governor and Council aforesaid on penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant, & of its reverting to us our Heirs and Successors.—

SECOND. That the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be settled Two Families in five Years from the date of this Grant; in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon and regranted to such of our Subject as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.—

THIRD. That all white and other Pine Trees fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use and none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained on penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee in the Premises his Heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.

FOURTH. Yielding and paying therefor to us our Heirs and Successors on or before the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 1774, the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully Demanded.—

FIFTH. That the said Grantee his Heirs and Assigns shall yield and pay unto us our Heirs and Successors yearly and every year for ever from & after the expiration of Five years from the date of this Grant; ONE SHILLING Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns settles or possess, and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Land aforesaid, which Money shall be paid by the respective Proprietor Owner or Settler in our Council Chamber in Portsm<sup>o</sup> or to such officer or officers as shall be appointed to receive the same, And these to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.—

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our aforesaid Governor & Commander in Chief the 27<sup>th</sup> day of December in the Twelfth year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1771.— J<sup>r</sup> Wentworth.

By his Excellency's Command }  
with advice of Council }

Theodore Atkinson Secretary.

Province of New Hampshire. 27<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 1771.

Recorded according to the Orig<sup>l</sup> Grant under the Province Seal.

Attest<sup>r</sup>

[No signature.]

Province of New Hampshire Portsm<sup>o</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Decemb<sup>r</sup> 1771. These may Certify that this Plan Beginning at a Beech Tree standing in the West Boundary Line of the Township of Conway, from thence running West 1 Mile to a White Birch Tree, from thence N. 10° W. 228 Rods to a Spruce Tree by a Brook, from thence E. 20 R. to a Beech Tree, from thence N. 96 Rods to a white Ash Tree, from thence N. 10° E. 36 Rods to a red Birch Tree, from thence East 12 Rods to a Beech Tree, from thence N. 10° E. 260 Rods to an Hemlock Tree, from thence E. 173 Rods to a Beech and Hemlock Trees from thence S. 10° E. on said Conway Line 624 R. to the Bounds began at. Contains 1028 Acres of Land, & is a True Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Tract of Land as taken & returned to me by Cap<sup>t</sup> Hubartis Neal D<sup>r</sup> Surv<sup>r</sup> And the Land represented by the dotted Lines \*1-399 Beginning at \*a Beech & Hemlock Trees, which Trees are the N. Easterly Corner Bounds of the above described Tract, from thence Running N. 10° W. 176 Rods to a Stake & Stones, from thence W. 173 Rods to a Stake & Stones, from thence S. 10° E. 176 Rods to a Hemlock Tree being N. W<sup>ly</sup> Corner Bounds of the described Tract, from thence west 173 Rods on the N. line of said Tract to the Bounds began at. Contains 187<sup>a</sup> 1<sup>r</sup> 25<sup>p</sup> of Land, and is added to the abovementioned Tract by order of his Excellency Gov<sup>r</sup> Wentworth.

Attest<sup>r</sup> Is: Rindge S<sup>r</sup> G<sup>l</sup>



## HAMPSTEAD.

[This was formerly a part of Haverhill and Amesbury, Mass., known as *Timberlane*. Incorporated as Hampstead Jan. 19, 1749. A portion of Atkinson was annexed June 23, 1859. A small tract was severed and annexed to Danville June 28, 1877.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 331; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 82; Index to Laws, 226; sketch, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 313; Historical Sketch, by John Kelly, 5, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 179; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 7; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 61; Address, at centennial celebration, 1849, by Isaac W. Smith, 1849.]

## [HAMPSTEAD CHARTER, 1749.]

\*Province of } GEORGE the Second by the Grace of  
New Hamp' } God of Great Brittain France & Ireland \*1-52  
King Defender of the faith &c—  
{ L: P: S: } To all to whom the Presents Shall come Greeting—  
Whereas our Loyall Subjects Inhabitants of A  
Tract of Land within our Province of New Hamp-  
Hampstead shire Afore Said Lying partly within that Part of our  
Province of New Hampshire called Haverhill District Have Hum-  
bly Petitioned & requested to us That they may be Erected & In-  
corporated into A Township & Infranchized with the Same Powers  
& Previledges which other Towns within our S<sup>d</sup> Province by Law  
have & Enjoy and it Appearing to Us to be Conducive to the Gen-  
eral good of Our Said Province as well as of the Said Inhabitants in  
Perticular by maintaining good Order and Encouraging the Culture  
of the Land that the Same Should be Don KNOW YE therefore That  
We of our Especial Grace Cartain Knowledg and for the Encourag-  
ment & Promoteing the good Purposes & Ends Afore Said By &  
with the Advice of our Trusty & well beloved Benning Went-  
worth Esq our Governour & Comander in Chieff and of our Council  
for Said Province of New Hampshire Have Erected and ordained  
and by these Presents for us our heirs & Successors Do will &  
Ordain that the Inhabitants of A Tract of Land aforesaid or that  
Shall Inhabit & Improve thereon hereafter BUTTED & BOUNDED as  
follows (Viz) Begining at the South West Corner of Kimballs  
Land near the Island Pond thence runing by the Easterly Side of

Moses Clement's Land to his South Easterly Bounds & from thence by the Northerly Side of Caleb Heaths & John Dustons Land to the brook that runs from Emersons Mill and from thence by the Northerly Side of Cap<sup>t</sup> George Little & Thomas Littles Land to the Easterly Corner bounds of the Said Thomas Littles Land which is in Cloughs Meadow & from thence runing to the North Westerly Corner of Thomas Hailes's Land And by the North Side of Said Hailes's Land to the North East Corner thereof and from thence to the South East Corner of Woodbridges Farm So called in Almsbury District And then North Easterly by S<sup>d</sup> Woodbridges Land to Peter Morse's Corner Continueing the Same Course to Shapleighs Line thence Westerly by Shapleighs Line  
 \*1-53 \*Till it Intersects A North West Line from Holts Rocks in Angle Pond & from thence North West by Haverhill Line to Joseph Stevens's North East Corner thence North about Thirty rodds to the North East Corner of the Farm of Samuel Graves Deceased Purchased of Kingstown from thence West Seventeen degrees North One Mile & Twenty Seven rodds to A Stake & Stones Standing on the Divideing line between Kingstown & London Derry from thence South five Degrees & 15<sup>m</sup> about one hundred & Six rods to a great White Oak Tree Marked with Stones about it—which Stands on the Divideing line between Kingstown & Derry thence runing South on Said Divideing line One hundred & five rodds to the Said West Corner of Jon<sup>a</sup> Hoggs land & from thence South to the Westerly Side of the Island in the Island Pond thence Includeing the Island to the bounds first mentioned AND BY THESE PRESENTS Are Declared & ordained to be A Town Corporate & Are hereby Erected & Incorporated into A Body Politick & a Corporation to have Continuance forever by the name of Hampstead with all the Powers & Authorities Priviledges Immunities & Infranchizes to them the S<sup>d</sup> Inhabitants and thier Successors for ever Always reserveing to Us our heirs & Successors all White Pine Trees growing & Being or that Shall hereafter grow & be on the Said Tract of Land fit for the use of our Royal Navy reserveing also the Power of Divideing the Said Town to us our hiers & Successors when it Shall Appear Necessary & Convenient for the Bennifit of the Inhabitants thereof—It is to be understood and is Accordingly hereby Declared that the Private Property of the Soil is in no manner of way to be Effected by this Charter And as the Several Towns within our Said Province of New Hampshire Are by the Laws thereof Enabled & Authorized to Assemble and by the

Majority of Votes to Choose All Such Officers as Are Mentioned in the Said Laws We do by these Presents Nominate & Appoint Daniel Little Esq to Call the first Meeting of the Said Inhabitants to be held within the Said Town at Any time within twenty four Days from the Date hereof Giving Legal Notice of the Time Place & Design of holding Such meeting After which the Annual Meeting in Said Town Shall be held for the Choice of Town officers &c<sup>a</sup> forever on the Last Wednesday in March Annually In TESTIMONY whereof We have Caused the Seal of our S<sup>d</sup> Province to be hereunto Affixed Wittness Benning Wentworth Esq Our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff of our S<sup>d</sup> Province the 19<sup>th</sup> Day of Jan<sup>r</sup> in the year of our Lord Christ One thousand Seven hundred & forty Nine And in the Twenty third Year of our reign—  
B Wentworth

By his Excellencys Com'and  
with Advice of Council  
Theodore Atkinson Se<sup>r</sup>

Entred & recorded According to the Original this 20<sup>th</sup> Day of  
Jan<sup>r</sup> 1749

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Se<sup>r</sup>



## HAMPTON FALLS.

[Set off from Hampton and incorporated November 23, 1726. Kensington was set off and incorporated April 1, 1737, and Seabrook, June 3, 1768. A portion of South Hampton was annexed December 4, 1742. A small tract was severed and annexed to Seabrook December 7, 1816.

See papers under title Hampton; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 331; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 130; Index to Laws, 227; History of the Baptist Churches of Seabrook and Hampton Falls, discourse, by H. H. Beaman, 1875; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 75, 134; sketch, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 333; The Gov. Weare Estate, by F. M. Colby, 4, Granite Monthly, 409; Tax-Payers in 1709, by B. F. Brown, 28, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 373; Hampton Falls and the Rev. Paine Wingate, 27, *id.*, 61.]

## HANOVER.

[Granted July 4, 1761, to Edmund Freeman and others. Dartmouth College was chartered December 13, 1769. An additional grant was made January 9, 1775. Three hundred acres in the southwest corner were granted to Dartmouth College, December 19, 1771, and two hundred acres adjoining to Rev. Dr. Eleazer Wheelock. That part of the town in which the college was situated, had at one time, a separate municipal organization and was designated as *Dresden*.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 379; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 277, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 159; Index to Laws, 228; Eleazer Wheelock's Narratives, 1763-1765; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 295; History of Dartmouth College and the Town of Hanover, by Frederick Chase, ed. by John K. Lord, vol. 1, 1891, pp. 682, vol. 2 in preparation; Bibliography of Dartmouth College, by Frederick Chase, 5, Granite Monthly, 321; Dartmouth Centennial, 1869, pp. 101; History of Dartmouth College, by Baxter P. Smith, 1878, pp. 474; First Half Century of Dartmouth College, by Nathan Crosby, 1876; Dartmouth College and the State of New Connecticut, by John C. Rice, Connecticut Valley Historical Society Collections; same, 8, Magazine of American History, p. 1; Daniel Webster's Works, vol. 5, from p. 460, and vol. 6, from p. 349; The Dartmouth College Causes and the Supreme Court of the United States, by John M. Shirley, 1879, pp. 469; College Journalism at Dartmouth, by G. W. Wright, 3, Granite Monthly, 67; The Dartmouth Cavalry, by J. Scales, 4, *id.* 463; Dartmouth College, by S. C. Bartlett, 4, *id.*, 149; Dr. Wheelock and Dartmouth College, by S. C. Bartlett, 11, *id.*, 277; Petition Against Location of Dartmouth College at Hanover, 1770, 3, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 286; Sketches of Alumni of Dartmouth College, N. H. Repository, vol. 1, p. 108, to vol. 2, p. 64; Sketches of Graduates of Dartmouth College, 1771-'80, by John Farmer, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, vol. 2, p. 102, to vol. 4, p. 281; Tour to, 1795, by P. Coffin, 4, Collections of Maine Historical Society, 293; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 11;

Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 533, 539; Memoir of My Own Life, by Stephen Burroughs, 1811; Acts of the Anti-Slavery Apostles, by Parker Pillsbury, 1883, p. 208; History of the Coös Country, by Grant Powers, 1841, p. 135; Hanover in the Convention of 1788, by Frederick Chase, 11, Granite Monthly, 310; Historical Sketch of Revivals of Religion in Dartmouth College, by H. Wood, 9, American Quarterly Register, 177; The College Cavaliers, by S. B. Pettingill, 1883; A Dartmouth Commencement, Miss. Gilbert's Career, by J. G. Holland, chap. XXIII.]

[HANOVER CHARTER, 1761.]

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\*Province of New-Hampshire.

GEORGE, THE THIRD,

By the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith &c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.*

KNOW ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of NEW HAMPSHIRE, in *New-England*, and of our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Sixty Eight equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, Twenty two thousand four hundred *Acres*, which Tract is to contain five Miles & five Six of Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Begining at a Hemlock Tree marked which is the North West Corner of Labanon from thence South Sixty four Degrees East Seven Miles by the North Line of Labanon to the

Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the Last Tuesday of August next which said Meeting shall be Notified by M<sup>r</sup> Edmond Freeman who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

**II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for**

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\*The Names of the Grantees of Hannover. \*2-15

Edmond Freeman jun <sup>r</sup>	Heman Attwood	Nathaniel Freeman jun <sup>r</sup>
Prince Freeman	Delivence Woodward	John Parker
Huckins Storrs	William Woodward	Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Jones
Huckins Storrs jun <sup>r</sup>	Eleazer Stoddard	Noah Jones
Joseph Storrs	Nath <sup>l</sup> Hopkins	Oliver Barker
Peter Aspinwall	Sam <sup>l</sup> Storrs jun <sup>r</sup>	John Bissell
Peter Aspinwall jun <sup>r</sup>	Joseph Storrs jun <sup>r</sup>	David Richardson
Prince Aspinwall	Stephen Freeman	Amos Richardson jun <sup>r</sup>
Daniel Allen	William Cary	John Walbridge
Phineas Allen	Stephen Walcott	Samuel Herrick
Malachi Conant	Moses Wolcot	Elisha Addams
Edmond Freeman	Tertius Elijah Wolcot	Nath <sup>l</sup> Freeman
Silvanus Freeman	Jonathan Curtis	Ozias Strong
Jonathan Freeman	John Wright jun <sup>r</sup>	Joseph Hatch jun <sup>r</sup>
Otis Freeman	Nathan Wright	John House
William Farewell	Philip Squire	Abraham Blackman jun <sup>r</sup>
Joshua Sherwin	Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Dunham	Doct <sup>r</sup> Mathew Thornton
John Sherwin	Hon <sup>ble</sup> John Downing	Esq. Coll Joseph Smith
Edmond Freeman	Sampson Sheaffe	Esq. John Knight
William Johnson	Major John Wentworth	Maj <sup>r</sup> Joseph Smith
Russell Freeman	George March	

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq five hundred Acres to be laid out as marked in the Plan B: W: one Share for the incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts—One whole Share for A Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established One whole Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel one Share for the Benefit of A School in Said Town

Province of New Hampshire July 5<sup>th</sup> 1761

Recorded from the back of the original Charter of Hannover under the Prov<sup>o</sup> Seal

Attest<sup>r</sup> Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>r</sup>

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name of Hanover under several Conditions and Reservations and enfranchised with divers Priveleges and immunities therein particularly expressed as by reference to the same will at large appear And whereas it hath been represented to Us by the said Grantees by their Petition dated the \*eight day of October AD 1772 that by the original Survey of said Hanover \*4-234 the Boundaries on the Connecticut River were about two hundred & twenty Rods further distant from each other than the length of Lines as mentioned in said Charter and the Proprietors being ignorant of the same run each of said Lines South sixty four degrees East agreeable to the Courses given in said Charter and have lotted out & settled on said Lands to each Line and have given considerable Tracts adjoining to each of said Lines for the Use of Dartmouth College and being now convinced that said Lines agreeable to a Plan or Survey of said Tract of Land exhibited by the Surveyor General of Lands for the said Province and returned into the Secretarys Office a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed contain two thousand One hundred & ninety six Acres & One hundred & fifteen rods of Land more than the contents of said Charter which was intended to have conveyed the whole of said Land which if taken from said Proprietors of Hanover will put the Township into great confusion by breaking up Divisions removing Settlement &c In consequence of which Petition the Proprietors of the Township of Lime bounding on the said Tract of Land prayed for have been legally served with a Copy of the Petition of the said Proprietors of Hanover dated the eighth day of October 1772 as aforesaid but have never appeared to make any Objection thereto & all Parties appearing to acquiesce therein

KNOW YE that We of Our Special Grace certain knowledge & meer Motion for the due encouragement of settling the Lands within Our said Province by & with the advice of Our trusty & well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire Our Governor & Commander in cheif of Our said Province & of Our Council of the same have given and granted & by these Presents for Us Our Heirs & Successors do give and grant unto the said Proprietors of the aforesaid Township of Hanover their Heirs and Assigns forever the said Tract of Land butted & bounded as follows viz<sup>t</sup> Begining at a Beech Tree marked for a Corner of Hanover from thence running North forty five degrees East One hundred & eighty Rods to a large Hemloc Tree standing on the old Line between said

Hanover and Lime thence North sixty four degrees West on said Lime six Miles & eighty Rods to a white Pine Tree standing on the Bank of Connecticut River opposite the lower end of  
 \*4-235 Grants Island and is the reputed bounds of Lime \*and Hanover thence by the River South Seventy degrees & a quarter West two hundred & thirty Rods to a black Ash Tree on the bank of said River thence South sixty four degrees East to the Bounds began at Hereby declaring the said before bounden Tract to be part & Parcel of the said Township of Hanover And the Inhabitants or those who shall hereafter inhabit thereon their Heirs and Assigns are and shall be subject to the same Conditions reservations and Restrictions and endued and enfranchised with the same Powers & Priveleges as are particularly set forth in Our Charter of Hanover aforesaid

IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the Seal of Our said Province of New Hampshire to be hereunto affixed Witness Our aforesaid Governor and Commander in chief the ninth day of January in the fifteenth Year of our reign Annoque Domini 1775  
 J Wentworth

By His Excellency's Command  
 with advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Province of New Hampshire. Recorded according to the original Charter under the Province Seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 1775  
 Attest<sup>r</sup> Geo: King D Sec<sup>y</sup>

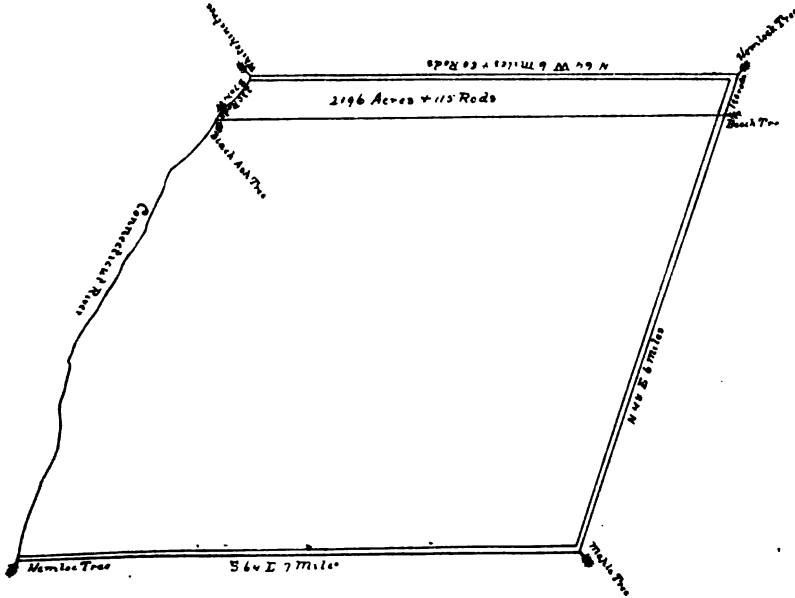
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Portsmouth Decem<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1772 This certifies that this  
 \*Plan begining at Beech Tree marked for a Corner of \*4-237 Hanover from thence runing North forty five degrees East One hundred & eighty rods to a large Hemlock Tree standing in the old Line between said Hanover and Lime thence North sixty four degrees West on said Lime six Miles & eighty Rods to a white Pine Tree standing on the Bank of Connecticut River opposite to the lower end of Grants Island and is the reputed Bounds of Lime and Hanover thence by the River South seventy degrees & a Quarter West Two hundred & thirty Rods to a Black Ash Tree on the Bank of said River thence South sixty four degrees East to the Bounds began at contains Two thousand One hundred & ninety six Acres One hundred and fifteen Rods of Land and is known by an Original Plan or Survey of the Township of Han-

over and said Tract taken and returned to me by M<sup>r</sup> John Howard  
D<sup>y</sup> Surveyor

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Attest Is: Rindge S<sup>r</sup> G<sup>l</sup>  
Geo: King Dep<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>



[GRANT TO DARTMOUTH COLLEGE AND ELEAZER WHELOCK,  
1771.]

\*Province of New } GEORGE the THIRD by the grace \*1-389  
Hampshire } of God of Great Britain France &  
Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c<sup>a</sup>—  
{ L. S. } To ALL to whom these Presents shall come Greet-  
ing.

WHEREAS we did by our Letters Patent, under the  
(College Grant.) Seal of our Province aforesaid dated the 13<sup>th</sup> day  
of December 1769, Erect & Incorporate a College within our said  
Province by the Name of DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, for the laudable

purpose of spreading Christianity among the Indians; and we did also thereby erect & incorporate certain of our loving Subjects therein Named into a Body politic & corporate, & their Successors to have Continuance for ever, & to be known & distinguished by the Name of the Trustees of Dartmouth College, & by that Name to receive, purchase possess and enjoy Lands Tenements, Hereditaments Jurisdictions and Franchises for themselves & Successors in fee simple, and to erect any Houses or Buildings as they may think needful & convenient for the purposes of the said College, all which will more fully appear by reference to our said Letters Patent And it being represented unto us that the said Trustees have accordingly erected part of the Buildings of the said College on a Tract of our Land of about Five hundred Acres situate in the Southwesterly angle of the Township of Hanover in our said Province, which Tract as yet remains ungranted by us Know YE therefore that we of our special Grace and favour, for reclaiming the Savages to virtuous Knowledge & by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor and Commander in chief in and over said Province and of our COUNCIL of the same Have upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made given and granted & by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give & grant unto the Trustees of Dartm<sup>o</sup> College aforesaid and to their Successors in that Trust for the use & benefit of the said College, & to their

Assigns THREE HUNDRED Acres part of the said Five  
 \*1-390 Hundred Acres of Land, being the particular \*spot on which the College stands, the same being Butted and bounded, as follows Viz!—Beginning at a Pine Tree standing on the bank of Connecticut River being the South west Corner of Hanover, from thence running South sixty four Degrees East One hundred & Fifty Rods on the Boundary Line between Hanover & Lebanon to a Stake & Stones, from thence North Twenty six Degrees East Two hundred and sixty three Rods to a Pine Tree marked, from thence North fifteen Rods to a stake from thence West to a Pine Tree marked Ten Rods, from thence North Ten Rods to a Stake, from thence East Ten Rods to a large Pine Stub about Four Rods East of President Wheelock's House, from thence North Twenty Six Degrees East Thirty two Rods to a Beech Bush, from thence North Sixty four Degrees West one hundred & four Rods to a Birch Tree standing on the bank of Connecticut River, from thence South Westerly as the River Runs to the pine Tree began at. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD

the said Tract of Land as above express'd together with all the Priviledges and Appurtenances to them the said Trustees of Dartmouth College in their said Capacity & to their Successors in that Trust and their Assigns for the use & benefit of the said College for Ever ; upon the Terms hereafter mentioned. AND in Consideration of the faithful Endeavours of our Trusty & well beloved ELEAZER WHELOCK Doctor in Divinity, the present President of our said College to further & promote the general advantage & benefit of the same, particularly in his having generously made a Donation of Four Hundred Acres of Land in the said Town of Hanover to the said College, We have by and with the advice aforesaid, & by these presents do give & grant unto the said Eleazer Wheelock & to his heirs Heirs and Assigns for Ever, Two HUNDRED Acres of Land being the remaining part of the aforesaid five Hundred Acres, Butted and Bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>—Beginning at the South East corner of the above described Premises at a stake and Stones, from thence running South Sixty four Degrees East Ninety Nine Rods to a Pine Tree mark'd B. W. from thence turning off at right angles & running North, 26, Degrees East one Mile to a beech Tree marked B. W. from thence turning off again at right Angles and running North 64, Deg<sup>s</sup> West one hundred & five Rods to a Beech Bush at the North East Corner of the College Lot aforesaid, from thence by the Easterly side Bounds of the said College Lot, to the stake & stones began at. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Two hundred Acres of Land to him the said Eleazer Wheelock & to his Heirs and Assigns for \*Ever upon the following Terms \*1-391 Conditions & Reservations. Viz<sup>t</sup>—

FIRST. That a Road of Three Rods wide be cut cleared & made passable for Carriages of all Kinds, thro' each of the Tracts of Land aforesaid, as may be hereafter directed or order'd by the Governor & Council aforesaid.—

SECOND That Five Acres for every Fifty Acres of Land contained in the above described premises respectively be improved cultivated & planted within Two Years from the date of this Grant on penalty of the forfeiture of the Delinquent's Right in these Presents and of it's reverting to us our Heirs and Successors.

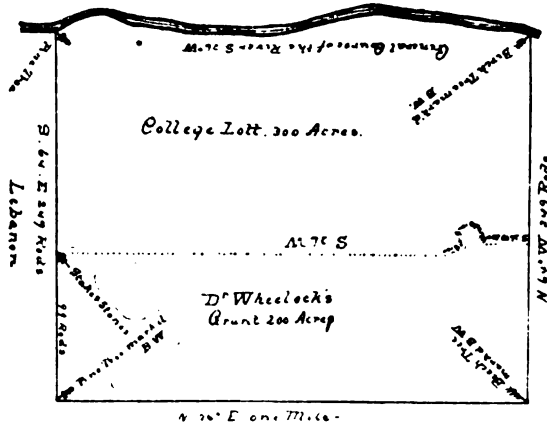
THIRD That all White and other Pine Trees fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use & none to be cut or felld without our special Licence for so doing first had & obtained on penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee in the Premises his Heirs & Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors.

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Plan or Survey of said Tract as taken & returned to me by M<sup>r</sup>  
Jon<sup>a</sup> freeman D<sup>r</sup> Surv<sup>r</sup>

Att. Is. Rindge S. G.



[DARTMOUTH COLLEGE FERRY, 1772.]

\*Province of } GEORGE the THIRD by the Grace of \*1-437  
New Hampshire } God of Great Britain France and Ire-  
land KING Defender of the Faith &c.

To ALL to whom these Presents shall Come.  
GREETING.

{ L. S. }  
Dart: Coll. of our Trusty and well beloved John Wentworth  
Ferry. Esq<sup>r</sup> our Captain General Governor & Commander  
in Chief in and over our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid in  
New England Have given and granted and by these Presents for  
us our Heirs and Successors do give and grant unto the Trustees  
of DARTMOUTH COLLEGE in our said Province, and to their Suc-  
cessors in that Trust for the use and benefit of the said College,  
and to their Assigns, the Sole Privilege of keeping using and  
employing a Ferry-Boat or Boats for the Transporting of Men,  
Horses, Goods, Cattle, Carriages, &c. from the Shore of Hanover  
in our said Province, across the River Connecticut to the opposite

Shore, and from thence back again to the Shore of said Hanover, & that the said Ferry be & hereby is established to extend the whole length of the said Township of Hanover, that is, \*1-438 from the South \*Westerly to the North Westerly Corners of the said Township as the same bounds upon the said River Connecticut To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Ferry and Privilege of a Ferry, with all Ferryage Advantages, Emoluments, Perquisites and Profits thereunto belonging, to them the said Trustees in their aforesaid Capacity in the manner and for the Purpose above expressed, from the day of the date hereof, for Ever; upon the following Conditions. Viz.

That they shall at all Times keep such Boat or Boats & give such attendance as the now (or any hereafter) Laws do or may require; on Penalty of forfeiting this Grant, and of its reverting to us our Heirs & Successors. And as a further Encouragement in and about the Premises, We will that none of our loving Subjects do presume to molest or interrupt the said Trustees in their Privilege of said Ferry or set up any other Ferry upon or across the said River Connecticut, within the Limits above established.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness our aforesaid Governor & Commander in Chief the Twenty Second day of June in the Twelfth year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1772.

J<sup>r</sup> Wentworth.

By his Excell<sup>ty</sup>'s Command  
with advice of Council.

Theod<sup>r</sup> Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Province of New Hamps<sup>r</sup> June 22<sup>d</sup> 1772.

Recorded according to the Original Charter under the Province Seal. Attest<sup>r</sup>

## HARRISVILLE.

[Made up from parts of Dublin and Nelson and incorporated July 2, 1870. Named in honor of Milan Harris, who established mills there.

See papers under titles Dublin and Nelson; Index to Laws, 230; sketch, by S. D. Bemis, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 210; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 175; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 267.]

## HART'S LOCATION.

[Granted to Thomas Chadbourne, April 27, 1772. A gore of land between Hart's Location and Bartlett was annexed, June 27, 1861. A small part of the Location was annexed to Bartlett, July 2, 1878. The exact boundaries of this grant have been in controversy for a long period, and have not yet been fully determined.]

See Bartlett Land and Lumber Company *v.* Saunders, 13 Otto, (U. S. Supreme Court Reports,) 316; Index to Laws, 230; sketch, Fergusson's History of Carroll County, 1889, p. 942; Mts. Silver Spring and Tremont, by J. R. Edwards, 2, Appalachia, 282; Mt. Willey, by J. B. Henck, Jr., 1, *id.*, 120; Mt. Tremont, by J. B. Henck, Jr., 1, *id.*, 124; Willey's History of the White Mountains, 1870, p. 58; In the Heart of the White Mountains, by S. A. Drake, 1882, p. 66; The White Mountains, A Guide to Their Interpretation, by Julius H. Ward, 1890, p. 26.]

## [HART'S LOCATION, 1772.]

\*Province of New } GEORGE the THIRD by the Grace \*1-430  
Hampshire } of God of Great Britain France  
{ L. S. } and Ireland KING Defender of the Faith &c.  
To ALL to whom these Presents shall come.  
GREETING.

KNOW YE that we of our special Grace certain knowledge and mere Motion for the due encouragement of settling & cultivating our Lands within our province aforesaid, by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire, our Governor & Commander in Chief of our said Province of New Hamps & of our COUNCIL of the same HAVE (upon the Conditions and Reservations herein particularly recited and expressed) given & granted & by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give & grant unto our leige and loving Subject THOMAS CHADBOURNE of Portsmouth in our said Province Gentleman, and to his Heirs and Assigns for ever a certain Tract or Parcel of Land containing by Admeasurement THREE THOUSAND Acres situate lying & being in our province aforesaid as by a plan or Survey thereof (exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said province by our said Governor's Order & returned into the Secretary's Office of our said Province a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed) may more fully and at large appear, butted & bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at a Birch Tree being the

South westerly Corner Bounds of a Tract of Land granted to M<sup>r</sup> Vere Royse, from thence running North four Hundred & seventy Rods, from thence extending Westerly the same Breadth of Four Hundred & Seventy Rods, the distance of Two hundred & Eighty five Rods, from thence running North westerly Six hundred Rods, from thence running nearly a North course Thirteen Hundred Rods untill it meets the Notch or narrowest passage leading thro' the white Mountains lying upon Saco River. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed to him the said Thomas Chadbourne & to his Heirs and Assigns for ever upon the following Terms Conditions & Reservations, viz<sup>t</sup>—

FIRST That the said Grantee shall cut clear & make passable for Carriages &c. a Road of three Rods wide through the said Tract as shall be at any Time hereafter directed or order'd by the Governor and Council aforesaid, which Road shall be completed in one Year from the date of such Order or Direction of the Governor & Council aforesaid on penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant and of its reverting to us our Heirs and Successors.

\*I-43I \*SECONDLY. That the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be settled Five Families in Four Years from the date of this Grant, in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon and regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually Settle & cultivate the same.

THIRDLY. That all white and other Pine Trees fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use & none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained upon the penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee in the premises his Heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.

FOURTHLY. That any part of the said Tract appearing to be well adapted to the growth of Hemp or Flax, the said Grantee shall sow & continue annually to cultivate a due proportion of the said Land, not less than One Hundred in every thousand Acres with that beneficial Article of Produce.

FIFTHLY That the said Grantee his Heirs and Assigns shall yield and pay unto us our Heirs and Successors yearly and every year for ever from and after the expiration of Five Years from the date of this Grant ONE SHILLING Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, Settles or Possesses, and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Land aforesaid, which

Money shall be paid by the respective Proprietor Owner or Settler in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same. And these to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.--

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our aforesaid Gov<sup>r</sup> and Command<sup>r</sup> in Chief the Twenty Seventh day of April in the Twelfth year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1772.— J<sup>r</sup> Wentworth.

By His Excellency's Command  
with advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Recorded according to the Original Grant under the Province Seal this Eleventh day of May 1772.

Attest<sup>r</sup>

\*Province of New Hampshire Portsmouth 7<sup>th</sup> April \*1-432 1772. These Certify that this Plan Beginning at a Birch Tree being the S. W.<sup>ly</sup> corner Bound of a Tract of Land granted to M<sup>r</sup> Vere Royse, from thence running N<sup>o</sup> 470 Rods, from thence extending Westerly the same Breadth of 470 Rods the distance of 285 Rods, from thence running N<sup>o</sup> Westerly 600 Rods, from thence running nearly a North course 1300 Rods untill it meets the notch or narrowest passage leading thro' the white Mountains lying upon Saco river—Contains 3000 Acres of Land agreeable to said Plan w<sup>ch</sup> is a True Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of s<sup>d</sup> Tract as taken & returned by Timothy Walker J<sup>r</sup> D<sup>r</sup> Surv<sup>r</sup>

Attest<sup>r</sup> Is. Rindge S. G<sup>l</sup>

## HAVERHILL.

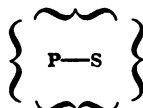
[Formerly known as *Lower Coös*. Granted May 18, 1763, to John Hazzen and others, and incorporated as Haverhill. Named from Haverhill, Mass. The town was divided into two parishes June 21, 1815.

See X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 277, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 177; Index to Laws, 232; History of the Coös Country, by Grant Powers, 1841; reprint, 1880; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 339; discourse, Centennial Celebration, First Congregational Church, 1876, by J. Q. Bittinger; History, by J. Q. Bittinger, 1889, pp. 442; Biography of John Hurd, by W. F. Whitcher, 1, Proceedings of Grafton and Coös Bar Association, 467; Biography of Charles Johnston, by J. Q. Bittinger, 15, Granite Monthly, 85; Reminiscences of the Town, in mss., 1888, by Arthur Livermore; Reminiscences of the Town, by W.

H. Duncan, *Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County*, 1886, p. 53; *In the Heart of the White Mountains*, by S. A. Drake, 1882, p. 256; *Batchelder's History of the Eastern Diocese*, P. E. Church, 1876, p. 271; *Lawrence's N. H. Churches*, 1856, pp. 542, 547; *Spaulding Memorial*, by Phineas Spaulding, 1887; *Northern New Hampshire*, by G. F. Bacon, 1890, p. 19; *Coös Country*, by L. W. Dodge, 7, *Granite Monthly*, 181; *Coös Country*, by W. A. Fergusson, 11, *id.*, 268.]

[HAVERHILL CHARTER, 1763.]

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Haverhil



\*Province of New-Hampshire.

GEORGE, THE THIRD,

By the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.*

KNOW ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of NEW HAMPSHIRE, in *New-England*, and of our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE, upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Eighty one equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement

*A res*, which Tract is to Contain More than Six Miles square, out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Beginning at a Tree marked standing on the Bank of the Easterly Side of Connecticut River and on the Southerly or South Westerly Side of the Mouth of Amonusock River opposite to the South Westerly Corner of Bath from thence down Connecticut River as that runs til it comes to A Marked Tree standing on the Bank of the River &

is about Seven Miles on A Strait Line from the Mouth of Am'onusock River afore<sup>d</sup> from thence South fifty three degrees East five Miles & Three Quarters of a Mile to A Stake & Stones thence North Twenty five degrees East about Eight Miles until it comes upon a Line with the Lower Side Line of Bath thence North 55 deg West as Bath runs to the Tree by the river the Bound began at And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Haverhill And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy : And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the

And the other on the  
annually, which Fairs are not to continue  
longer than the respective following the said

and that as soon as the said Town shall  
consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be \*opened and \*2-398  
kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought  
most advantageous to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting  
for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said  
Province, shall be held on the Second Tuesday in June next which  
said Meeting shall be Notified by Cap<sup>t</sup> John Hazzen Esq who is  
hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting,  
which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Cus-  
toms of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever  
hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall  
be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to  
HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all  
Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs  
and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or Them Re-granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for

that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of an Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*. 1763

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1773 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this is to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the Eighteenth Day of May In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Three And in the Third Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,  
With Advice of COUNCIL,  
Theodore Atkinson j<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> May 18-1763  
Recorded according to the Original Charter under the Province Seal

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## \*The Names of the Grantees of Haverhill

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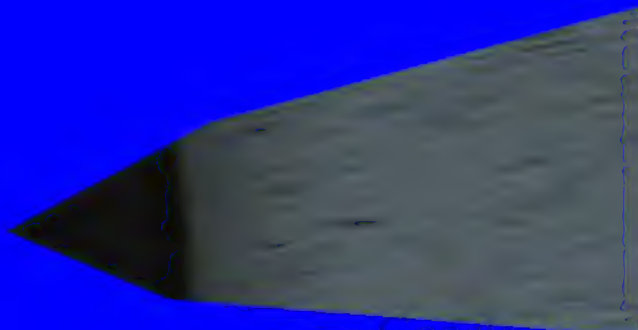
John Hazzan	Maxi Hazletine	David Hobart	
Jacob Bayley Esq	Thomas Johnson	Simon Stevens	
Eph <sup>m</sup> Bayley	John Mills	John Moors	
James Philbrook	John Trussel	Will <sup>m</sup> Toborn	
Gideon Gould	Abraham Dow	David Page	
John Clark	Uriah Morse	James White	
John Sweat	Enoch Hall	Benj <sup>a</sup> Merrill	
Thomas Emory	Jacob Hall	Nathaniel Merrill	
Benoni Coleborne	Benoi Right	John Church	
Reuben Mills	John Page	Hon <sup>ble</sup> James Nevin	} Esq <sup>m</sup>
John Hazzan jun <sup>r</sup>	Josiah Little	John Nellson	
Edmond Colby	John Taply Esq	Theodore Atkinson jun <sup>r</sup>	
David Hall	Jon <sup>a</sup> Foster	Nath <sup>l</sup> Barrell	
Lemuel Tucker	Joseph Blanchard Esq	Coll W <sup>m</sup> Symes	
Edmond Moore Esq	Rich <sup>d</sup> Pattee	W <sup>m</sup> Porter	
John White	Moses Foster	John Hastings	
Benj <sup>a</sup> Moore	John Spofford	Cap <sup>t</sup> George March	
William Hazzan	Enoch Heath	Maj <sup>r</sup> Richard Emery	
Mose Hazzan	William Page	Cap <sup>t</sup> Nehemiah Lovewell	
Tim <sup>o</sup> Bedle	Joseph Kelly	Hon <sup>ble</sup> Henry Sherburne Esq	
Jaasiel Herriman	Aron Hosemore	Maj <sup>r</sup> John Wentworth	
Jacob Kent	John Herriman	Sam <sup>l</sup> Wentworth Esq Boston	
Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Hale	John Lampson	Byfield Loyde Boston and	
Sam <sup>l</sup> Hobart	Stephen Knight	his Excellency Gov <sup>r</sup> Barnard	
John Hale	John Hall	Robert Peasley	

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq a Tract of Land to Contain Five hund<sup>d</sup> acres as marked B—W—in the Plan which is to be accounted Two of the within Shares one whole Share for the incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts one Share for A Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established One Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel One Share for the Benefit of A School in Said Town

Province of New Hamp<sup>t</sup> May 18—1763

Recorded from the Back of the original Charter of Haverhill under the Pro<sup>v</sup> Seal

✠ T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>



## [GRANT TO JOHN PARKER, 1771.]

\*Province of New } GEORGE the THIRD by the Grace \*1-393  
 Hampshire } of God of Great Britain France and  
 Ireland KING, Defender of the Faith &c.—

{ L. S. } To ALL to whom these Presents shall come  
 GREETING—

KNOW YE that We of our special grace certain  
 (John Parker's knowledge & mere Motion for the due encourage-  
 Grant.) ment of settling and cultivating our Lands within  
 our Province aforesaid by and with the advice of  
 our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Gov-  
 ernor and Commander in chief of our said Province of New  
 Hampshire and of our Council of the same, HAVE (upon the  
 Conditions & Reservations herein particularly recited & expressed)  
 given & granted, & by these Presents for us our Heirs and Suc-  
 cessors do give and grant unto our leige and loving Subject JOHN  
 PARKER of Portsm<sup>o</sup> in our County of Rockingham and Province  
 aforesaid Esq<sup>r</sup> : & to his Heirs and Assigns for Ever a certain tract  
 or Parcel of Land containing by admeasurement FIVE HUNDRED  
 Acres, situate lying and being in our said Province as by a Plan or  
 Survey thereof (exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for  
 our said Province by our said Governor's Order & returned into  
 the Secretary's office of our said Province, a Copy whereof is  
 hereunto annexed) may more fully and at large appear, butted  
 and bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at a Pine Tree standing  
 on the bank of Connecticut River at the Mouth of Ammonoosuck  
 River on the Northly side thereof, from thence South 59 Degrees  
 East 302 Rods to a stake, from thence turning off at right Angles  
 & running South 31 Degrees West 300 Rods to a Pine Tree, then  
 turning off again at right Angles and running North 59 Degrees  
 West 196 Rods to a Bass Tree standing on the bank of Connecti-  
 cut River aforesaid, thence by Connecticut River as the same  
 tends to the Bounds began at. To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said  
 Tract of Land as above express'd to him the said John Parker and  
 to his Heirs and assigns for ever upon the following Terms Con-  
 ditions & Reservations Viz<sup>t</sup>.

FIRST. That the said Grantee shall cut clear & make passable  
 for Carriages &c a Road of Four Rods wide thro' the said Tract  
 as shall be at any time hereafter directed or order'd by the Gover-

nor & Council aforesaid, which Road shall be completed in Two years from the date of such Order or Direction of the Governor & Council aforesaid on penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant and of it's reverting to us our Heirs and Successors.

**SECOND** That the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be settled Two Families in Three years from the date of this Grant ; in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our Heirs & Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon & regranted to such of our subjects as shall effectually settle & cultivate the same.

\*1-394 **\*THIRDLY** That all White and other Pine Trees fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use and none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had & obtained on penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee in the Premises his Heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs & Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.

**FOURTHLY**, Yielding and paying therefor to us our Heirs & Successors on or before the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 1774, the Rent of One Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded.—

**FIFTHLY**, That the said Grantee his Heirs and Assigns shall yield and pay unto us our Heirs and Successors yearly and every year for ever from & after the expiration of FIVE YEARS from the date of this Grant ; ONE SHILLING Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns Settles or Possesses and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Land aforesaid, which Money shall be paid by the respective Proprietor Owner or Settler in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same ; And these to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

**IN TESTIMONY** Whereof We have Caused the Seal of our said Province to Be hereunto affixed. Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our aforesaid GOVERNOR & Commander in chief the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December in the 12<sup>th</sup> year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1771.

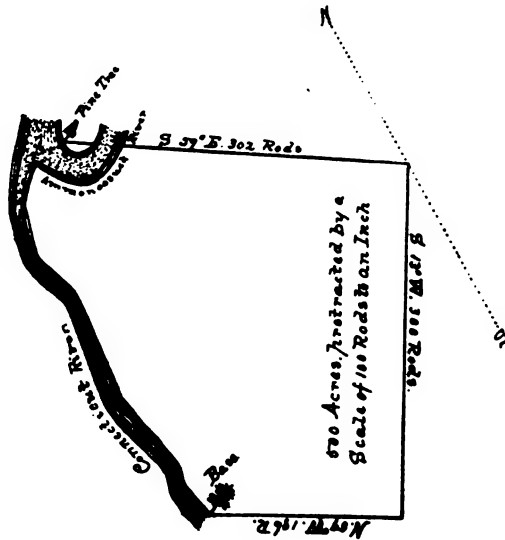
J<sup>r</sup> Wentworth.

By his Excellency's Command }  
with advice of Council }

Theodore Atkinson Secretary.

Recorded according to the Original Grant under the Province Seal this 19<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1771.

Attest<sup>r</sup> Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>r</sup>



Province of New }  
Hampshire }

Portsm<sup>o</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> July 1771.

These Certify that this Plan Beginning at a Pine Tree standing on the bank of Connecticut River at the mouth of Ammonoosuck River on the Northerly side thereof, from thence S. 59° E. 302 Rods to a Stake, from thence turning off at right Angles & running S. 31° W. 300 Rods to a Pine Tree, then turning off again at right angles & running N. 59° W. 196 Rods to a Bass Tree standing on the Bank of Con<sup>t</sup> River aforesaid, thence by Con<sup>t</sup> River as the same tends to the Bounds began at; Contains 500 Acres & is protracted from an Original plan or Survey of the Township of Haverhill in said Province as taken & returned to me by M<sup>r</sup> Dudley Colman D<sup>r</sup> Surveyor.

Attest : Is. Rindge S<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>

## [JOHNSON'S FERRY, 1774.]

\*4-221 \*Province } GEORGE the third by the grace of God of  
 of New Hampshire } Great Britain France and Ireland King De-  
 fender of the Faith &c<sup>a</sup>

{ P. S. }

TO ALL PEOPLE to whom these presents shall  
 come greeting

KNOW YE that We of Our special grace certain  
 knowledge and meer motion by & with the advice of  
 Johnson's Ferry Our trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH  
 Esq' Our Governor and Commander in cheif in and over our said  
 Province of New Hampshire in New England have given and  
 granted & by these Presents for Us Our Heirs and Successors do  
 give and grant unto Our Loyal & faithful Subject Thomas John-  
 son of Newbury in our County of Gloucester & Province of New  
 York Husbandman the Sole Right of keeping a Ferry and of  
 keeping using and employing a Ferry boat or Boats for the  
 transporting of Men Horses Goods Cattle Carriages &c

\*4-222 \*across Connecticut River in the Town of Haverhill  
 begining at the Place where the public Highway passes  
 said River from said Haverhill to said Newbury near the new  
 dwelling House of Richard Chamberlain in said Newbury and to  
 extend one Mile above and one Mile below the said Highway on  
 the said River TO HOLD the said Ferry & privilege of a Ferry with  
 all ferriage advantages emoluments Perquisites & profits thereunto  
 belonging to him the said Thomas Johnson his Heirs Exe<sup>n</sup> Admin<sup>n</sup>  
 and Assigns from the day of the date hereof to his and their only  
 proper use benefit & behoof forever upon the following Conditions  
 viz<sup>t</sup> That he & they shall at all times keep such Boat or Boats &  
 give such attendance & behave as the now (or any hereafter)  
 Laws do or may require on Penalty of forfeiting this Grant and of  
 its reverting to Us Our Heirs and Successors

And as a further encouragement to the said Thomas Johnson  
 in & about the Premises We will that none of Our loving Subjects  
 do presume to molest or interrupt the said Thomas Johnson in his  
 said Ferry or set up any other Ferry upon or across the said River  
 Connecticut within one Mile above and one Mile below the Ferry  
 of the said Thomas Johnson as the River runs

IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the Seal of Our said  
 Province to be hereunto affixed Witness Our aforesaid Governor

& Commander in cheif the eleventh day of November in the  
fifteenth Year of Our reign Annoque Domini 1774

J Wentworth

By His Excellency's command  
with advice of Council

Geo : King Dep<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

Recorded according to the original Charter under the Province  
Seal this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 1774 -

Attest<sup>r</sup> Geo : King Dep<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

[PORTER'S FERRY, 1772.]

\*Province of  
New Hampshire }

GEORGE the THIRD by the Grace of \*I-420  
GOD of Great Britain France and  
Ireland KING Defender of the Faith &c.

{ L. S. }

To ALL to whom these Presents shall come Greet-  
ing.

KNOW YE that we of our special grace certain  
knowledge and mere Motion, (by and with the advice  
of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our  
Captain General Governor & Commander in Chief in and over our  
Province of New Hampshire aforesaid in New England) Have  
given and granted & by these Presents for us our Heirs and Suc-  
cessors do give and grant unto our loyal and faithful Subject ASA  
PORTER of Haverhill in the County of Grafton in our Province  
aforesaid Esquire the Sole Right of keeping a Ferry and of keep-  
ing useing and employing a ferry Boat or Boats for the transport-  
ing of Men, Horses, Goods, Cattle, Carriages &c. from the Shore  
of Haverhill aforesaid across Connecticut River to the opposite  
Shore of Newbury and from said Newbury to the opposite Shore  
of Haverhill within one Mile on a strait Line from that part of  
Haverhill called the point of the little Oxbow being a Point of  
Meadow Land now in possession of Captain John Hazen To HOLD  
the said Ferry and privilege of a ferry with all Ferryage Advan-  
tages Emoluments Perquisites and Profits thereunto belonging unto  
him the said Asa Porter Esq<sup>r</sup> his Heirs Executors Administrators  
& Assigns from the day of the date hereof to his and their only  
proper use benefit and behoof for Ever, upon the following Con-  
ditions Viz<sup>t</sup>

That he and they shall at all Times keep such Boat or Boats,  
and give such Attendance, and behave as the now (or any here-

after) Laws do or may require. And as a further encouragement to the said Asa Porter in and about the Premises We will that none of our Loving Subjects do presume to molest or interrupt the said Asa Porter in his said Ferry or set up any other Ferry upon or across the said River Connecticut, within One Mile above or below the Ferry of the said Asa Porter.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness our aforesaid Governor & Commander in Chief the Thirty first day of March in the Twelfth year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1772.

J' Wentworth

\*1-421 \*By his Excellency's Command  
with advice of Council.

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Recorded according to the Original Grant under the Province Seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1772.

Attest<sup>r</sup>

[GRANT TO BENJAMIN WHITING, 1769.]

\*1-325 \*Province } GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God  
of New Hampshire } of Great Britain France and Ireland KING  
Defender of the faith &c<sup>a</sup>

WHITING's Grant To ALL to whom these Presents shall come  
of y<sup>e</sup> Geese Islands GREETING.

and Newbury KNOW YE that we of our special Grace  
certain knowledge & mere motion for the due  
encouragement of Setling a new Plantation within our said Province, by & with the advice of our Trusty and well-beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor and Comm<sup>r</sup> in Cheif of our said Province of New Hampshire in New England and of our Council for the said Province—HAVE upon y<sup>e</sup> Conditions and reservations hereinafter made, Given and granted & by these Presents for us our heirs & successors Do give and grant unto our Loving Subject BENJAMIN WHITING of Charlestown in the said Province of New Hampshire Esq<sup>r</sup> & to his heirs and Assigns for ever: All those Islands (being five in Number) commonly call'd and known by the name of the GEESE ISLANDS situate & being between the Towns of Haverhill & Newbury in Connecticut River, the greater Island containing about 49 Acres, & the remaining Islands about



15 Acres in all, as by a Plan and Survey thereof made by order of our said Governor and Returned into the Secretary's office & hereunto annexed may more fully appear—To HAVE & TO HOLD the said Geese Islands and every of them together with all Priviledges and Appurtenances unto him the said Benj<sup>a</sup> Whiting his heirs and Assignes for ever: upon the following Conditions Viz<sup>t</sup> FIRST that the said Benjamin his heirs or Assigns shall plant & Cultivate 15 Acres of the said Land within the term of five Years and continue to improve & Settle the same by additional Cultivations on penalty of the forfeiture of his Grant in the said Islands and of their reverting to us, our heirs and successors to be by us or them regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually Settle & Cultivate the same—SECONDLY That all white Pine trees \*throughout all the said Islands fit for masting our \*1-326 Royal Navy be carefully preserv'd for that use and none to be cut or fell'd without our Special Licence first had & obtained for so doing, upon the penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant as well as being Subject to the present & future Penalties by act of Parliament—THIRDLY Yielding & Paying therefor unto us our heirs and Successors for the space of two years from this date one Ear of Indian Corn only on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December annually if Lawfully demanded (4<sup>th</sup>) That the said Benj<sup>a</sup> his heirs and Assignes shall yield & pay unto us our heirs and Successors yearly and every year from and after the expiration of the said Two Years in our Council Chamber in Portsm<sup>o</sup> or to such Officer as shall be appointed to receive the same Two SHILLINGS & six pence Proclamation money for ever, in lieu of all other rents and Services.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereto affixed Witness John Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> our said Governor the 3<sup>d</sup> day of January in the year of our Lord Christ 1769 and in the Ninth year of our Reign.

J<sup>r</sup> Wentworth.

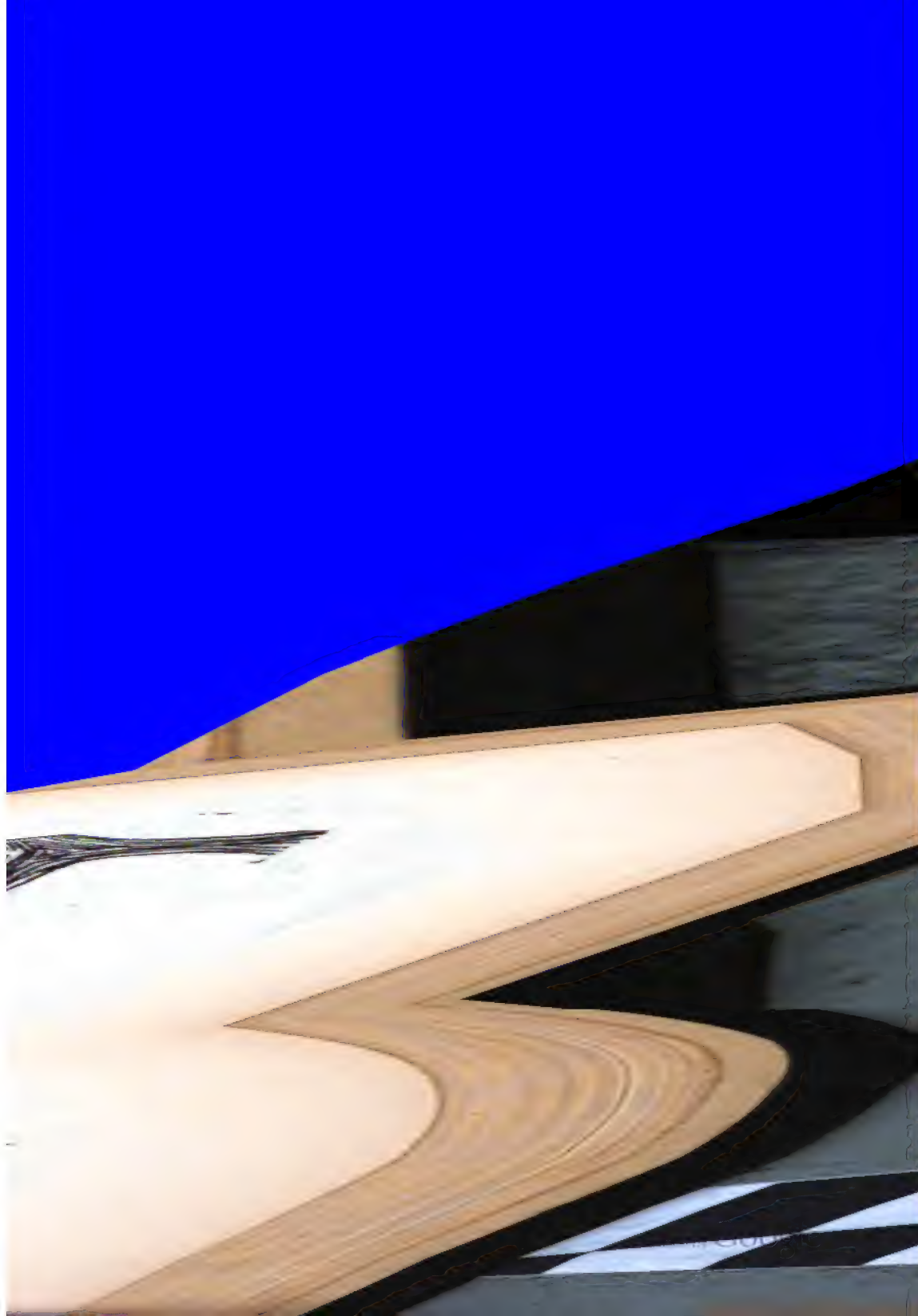
By his Excellency's Command  
with advice of Council.

T: Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>ry</sup>



Recorded this 4<sup>th</sup> January 1769 -

Th Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>



1804, and again December 2, 1808. A portion of Hebron was annexed to Plymouth June 26, 1845, and another piece to Groton the same date.

See papers under titles Groton and Plymouth; Index to Laws, 235; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 384; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 10, 14; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 547; Memorial Addresses on Life and Character of Austin F. Pike, 1888.]

[GRANT TO JOHN FENTON, 1772.]

\*Province of New } GEORGE the THIRD by the grace \*1-417  
 Hampshire } of GOD of Great Britain France and  
 Capt<sup>n</sup> John Fenton's } Ireland KING Defender of the Faith &c.  
 Grant } To ALL to whom these presents shall  
 come GREETING.

WHEREAS WE have thought fit by our Proclamation at S<sup>t</sup> James's the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1763, among other Things to testify our Royal Sense & Approbation of the Conduct & Bravery of the Officers and Soldiers of our Armies & signified our desire to reward the same, And have therein Commanded & Impowered our several Governors of our respective Provinces on the Continent of America to grant without fee or reward to such reduced officers as have served in North America during the late war & to such private Soldiers as have been or shall be disbanded there & shall personally apply for the same such Quantities of Land respectively as in & by our aforesaid Proclamation are particulary mentioned, subject nevertheless to the same Quit Rents & Conditions of Cultivation & Improvement as other our Lands are subject to in the Province in which they are granted And whereas JOHN FENTON of Charlestown in our Province of the Massachusetts Bay Esq<sup>r</sup> had our Appointment as CAPTAIN, & served during the late war & is now reduced, & he having personally applied & solicited for such Grant agreeable to our aforesaid in part recited Proclamation.

KNOW YE, that we of our special Grace certain knowledge and mere Motion for the due encouragement of settling and cultivating our Lands within our said Province of New Hampshire, do signify our Approbation as aforesaid, & have by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our Governor & Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chief in & over our said Province,

and of our COUNCIL of the same, agreeable to our said Procl<sup>a</sup> and upon the Conditions & Reservations herein after mentioned given and granted & by these Presents for us our Heirs & Successors do give & grant unto him the said JOHN FENTON and to his Heirs & Assigns for Ever a certain Tract or parcel of Land situate lying & being within our said Province, containing by Admeasurement THREE THOUSAND Acres, as by a plan or Survey of said [tract] exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province by our said Governor's Order & returned into the Secretary's office of our said Province, (a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed)

may more fully and at large appear: Butted and  
 \*1-418 Bounded \*as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at a Hemlock Tree standing in Cardigan North Line, from thence running South Sixty four Degrees East Three Hundred & Sixty Rods to a Stake, from thence North Thirty Degrees East Four Miles and Sixty Rods to a Stake, from thence North Sixty four Degrees West Three Hundred & Sixty Rods to a Stake and from thence South Thirty Degrees West Four Miles and Sixty Rods to the Bound began at.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed to him the said JOHN and to his Heirs and Assigns for Ever upon the following Terms Conditions and Reservations, VIDELICET.

FIRST. That the said Grantee shall cut clear & make passable for Carriages a Road of Three Rods wide thro' the said Tract as shall be at any time hereafter directed or order'd by the Governor & Council, which Road is to be completed in ONE YEAR from the date of such Order or Direction of the Governor and Council aforesaid, On Penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant, and of its reverting to us our Heirs & Successors.

SECONDLY. That the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be settled Six Families in Five Years from the date of this Grant; in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon & regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle & cultivate the same.

THIRDLY That all white & other Pine Trees fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use and none to be cut or felled without our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained on penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee in the said Tract of Land his Heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.

**FOURTHLY** Yielding and paying therefor to us our Heirs and Successors on or before the 19<sup>th</sup> day of Feb<sup>r</sup> 1781, the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded.

**FIFTHLY** That the said Grantee his Heirs and Assigns shall yield & pay unto us our Heirs and Successors yearly and every year for Ever from & after the expiration of TEN Years from the date of this Grant, which will be in the Year of our Lord Christ 1782, ONE SHILLING Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so \*Owns Settles or Possesses and so in \*1-419 proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Land aforesaid, which Money shall be paid the respective Proprietor or Settler in our Conncil Chamber in Portsmouth or to such officer or officers as shall be appointed to receive the same: And these to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

**IN TESTIMONY** whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province of New Hampshire to be hereunto affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup>: our aforesaid Governor & Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chief the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February in the Twelfth year of our Reign & in the year of our Lord Christ 1772.

By his Excellency's Command  
with advice of Council.

J<sup>r</sup>. { L. s. } Wentworth.

Theodore Atkinson Secretary.

Province of New Hampshire. Portsmouth 17<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> 1772.

These Certify that this Plan beginning at a hemlock Tree standing in Cardigan North Line, from thence running South 64° East 360 Rods to a Stake, from thence N. 30 E. 4 Miles & 60° Rods to a Stake, from thence N. 64° W. 360 Rods to a Stake, from thence S. 30° W. 4 Miles & 60 rods to the Bound began at, Contains 3000 Acres of Land & is found by a Survey or Plan of said Tract as taken & returned to me by M<sup>r</sup> Jotham Cummings Dep<sup>y</sup> Surveyor.

Att<sup>r</sup> Is. Rindge S. G<sup>l</sup>

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*Marlborough-town.* Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, July 16, 1752, to Andrew Todd and others, and sometimes called *Todd's-town*. Incorporated as Henniker November 10, 1768, and named in honor of John Henniker, M. P.

See Massachusetts charters preceding and Masonian Papers in following volumes; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 189; Index to Laws, 235; History, by L. W. Cogswell, 1880, pp. 807; sketch, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 340; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 22; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 387; address, 115th anniversary of Congregational Church, by J. M. R. Eaton, 1884; Historical Address, 66th Anniversary of Formation of Bible Class, May 1, 1814, by L. W. Cogswell, pp. 16.]

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[HENNIKER INCORPORATED, 1768.]

\*Province of New Hampshire

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Henniker. GEORGE the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith and so forth.

To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting.

WHEREAS our Loyal Subjects inhabitants of a tract of land within our Province of New Hampshire known by the name of N<sup>o</sup> 6) in the line of Towns & containing Six miles square, & bounded as hereafter mention'd Have humbly Petitioned & Requested us that they may be erected & incorporated into a Township and enfranchised with the same privileges which other Towns within our said Province have & Enjoy by Law; and it appearing unto us to be conducive to the general good of our said Province, as well as of the said Inhabitants in particular, by maintaining good order & encourageing the Culture of the land, that the same should be done KNOW YE therefore that we of our especial Grace, certain knowledge & for the encouragement & promotion of the good purposes & ends aforesaid and with the Advice of our trusty & well-beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor and Commander in Cheif of our said Province, & of our Council of the same, have erected and ordained and by these Presents for us our heirs & Successors Do will and ordain that the Inhabitants of the Tract of land aforesaid and others who shall Inhabit and improve thereon here after (the same being butted and bounded as follows viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at the North west corner (nearest) of New hopkinton so called then on a strait line to the North east corner of Hillsborough so called being by estimation Six miles, then by said Hillsborough line to the South east corner thereof, being supposed

to and as enabled  
to make use of  
the same for the  
purpose of making  
the same available  
to the public and  
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## HILLSBOROUGH.

[This town was *Number 7* in the line of towns from Merrimack to Connecticut River, granted by Massachusetts, Jan. 16, 1735-6. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, Jan. 26, 1748-9, to John Hill and others, and named in honor of Col. John Hill. Incorporated Nov. 14, 1772.

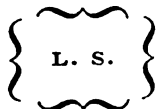
See Massachusetts charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 379; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 203; Index to Laws, 241; Annals, from first settlement to 1841, by Charles James Smith, 1841, pp. 72; sketch, by Frank H. Pierce, 1, Granite Monthly, 369; sketch by Harry Brickett, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1886, p. 391; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 17; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 180, 182, 184; Life of Franklin Pierce, by Nathaniel Hawthorne, 1852; Biographical Notices of Physicians, by B. H. Phillips, 1, N. H. Repository, 215; The Birthplace of a President, by F. M. Colby, 4, Granite Monthly, 69.]

## [HILLSBOROUGH INCORPORATED, 1772.]

\*Province of New Hampshire

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{ Hillsborough } GEORGE the Third by the grace of God of  
{ Incorporated } Great Britain France & Ireland King Defen-  
der of the Faith, and so forth.



To ALL PEOPLE to whom these Presents shall  
Come. GREETING.

WHEREAS our Loyal Subjects Inhabitants of a Tract of Land, within our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid, commonly called and known by the Name of Hillsborough, containing by estimation about Six Miles Square, have humbly Petitioned & requested us that they may be erected & Incorporated into a Township & enfranchised with the same Powers and Privileges which other Towns within our said Province by Law have and enjoy And it appearing unto us to be conducive to the general good of our said Province as well of the said Inhabitants in particular by maintaining good Order & encouraging the Culture of the Land: That the same should be done KNOW YE, that We of our special Grace, certain knowledge and for the encouragement and promotion of the good purposes & Ends aforesaid by & with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq' Our Governor & Commander in Chief of our said Province & of our Council of the same, have erected & Ordained & by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do will & ordain that the Inhabitants of the said Tract of Land & Others who shall improve

& Inhabit thereon hereafter, the same being butted and bounded as follows. Viz' Beginning at the South East Corner, at a Beech Tree marked 7, from thence South Eighty four degrees & thirty Minutes West about Six Miles by the Society Lands so called to a Beech Tree marked 7 and 8, from thence North Fifteen degrees West about Six Miles by Common Land so called to a Beech Tree, 7 and 8 mark'd, from thence North Eighty four degrees & Thirty Minutes East about Six Miles to a Beech Tree marked 7, from thence about Six Miles by the Town of Henniker to the Bounds first mentioned; be and they are hereby declared to be a Town Corporate by the Name of HILLSBOROUGH to have continuance for Ever, with all the Powers and Authorities, Priviledges, Immunities and Franchises, which any other Towns in our said Province by Law hold & enjoy to the said Inhabitants or those who shall hereafter inhabit there, and to their Successors for Ever ALWAYS reserving to us our Heirs and Successors ALL WHITE

PINE TREES that are or shall be found being and growing \*4-121 ing \*within and upon the said Tract of Land, fit for the use of our Royal Navy RESERVING also to us our Heirs and Successors the Power of dividing said Town, when it shall appear necessary and convenient for the Inhabitants thereof Provided nevertheless and 'tis hereby declared that this Charter and Grant is not intended & shall not in any manner be construed to affect the private Property of the Soil within the Limits aforesaid And as the several Towns within our said Province are by the Laws thereof enabled & Authorized to Assemble & by the majority of the Voters present to chuse all officers and transact such Affairs as in the said Laws are declared.

We do by these Presents nominate and appoint M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Baldwin to call the first Meeting of said Inhabitants to be held within the said Town at any Time within Thirty days from the date hereof, giving legal Notice of the Time & Design of holding such Meeting; after which the annual Meeting for said Town, shall be held for the choice of said Officers, and the Purposes aforesaid on the last Thursday of March Annually.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto Affixed Witness our aforesaid Governor & Commander in Chief the Fourteenth day of November in the 13<sup>th</sup> Year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1772.

By his Excellency's Command }  
with advice of Council. }

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

J<sup>r</sup> Wentworth.

Recorded according to the Original Grant under the Province Seal this 14<sup>th</sup> November 1772.

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HINSDALE.

[This town was included in the original grant of Northfield, Mass. Incorporated as *Hindsdale* September 3, 1753, and named in honor of Col. Ebenezer Hindsdale. September 26, 1753, the governor decided that the east line should extend to Chesterfield, thus taking off a portion of Winchester; and the town was incorporated on that date. On the establishment of the State of Vermont and the final determination of its jurisdiction, the town lost all of its territory west of the Connecticut.

See Massachusetts charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 382; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 398,400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 212; Index to Laws, 242; sketch, by J. M. Stebbins, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 357; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 181; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 8, 13; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 270.]

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[HINSDALE CHARTER, 1753.]

\*Province of New Hampshire

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George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c<sup>a</sup>

To All Persons to whom these Presents Shall come  
Hindsdale Greeting

Whereas Sundry of our Loveing Subjects before the Settlement of the Dividing Line of our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid and our Other Government of the Massachusetts Bay had by Permission of our Said Government of the Massachusetts Bay Began A Settlement of A Tract of Land at A Place called Northfield Lying Partly on the Dividing Line between the Provinces and Partly on Connecticut River on both Sides of said River and made Sundry Divissions of and Improvements upon the said Tract of Land and there remained untill this Time and our Said Subjects being Desireous to make an Imediate Settlement on the Premisses & haveing Petitioned our Governour & Council for his Majesties

Grant of the Premises to be So made as might not Subvert & Destroy their former Surveys & Laying out in Severalty made thereon as aforesaid Now KNOW YE That We of our Especial Grace Certain Knowledge & mere Motion for the Answering the End Above said and for the Due Encouragement of Settling the Said Plantation By & with the Advice of our Trusty & well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq our Govern<sup>r</sup> & Com<sup>ander</sup> in Chief in & over our Said Province of New Hamp<sup>t</sup> in America and of our Council of our Said Province Have upon the Conditions & Reservations herein after made GIVEN & GRANTED and by these Presents for us our heirs & Successors Do Give & Grant unto our Loveing Subjects Inhabitants of our said Province of New Hampshire and our Other Governments in New England and to their heirs and assigns for ever whose names are Entred on this Grant to be Divided to and Amoungst them into So many & Such Shares & Proportions as they now hold or Claim the Same by Purchass Contract Vote or Agreement made Amoungst themselves All that Tract or Parcel of Land Scituate Lying & being within our Said Province of New Hampshire Containing by admeasurement Twenty three thousand & forty Acres which Tract is to Contain Six miles Square & no more out of which

\*1-174 an \*Allowence is to be made for highways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks Mountains Ponds & Rivers One thousand & forty Acres free, According to A Plan thereof made & Presented by our Said Governours Orders and hereunto Annexed Butted & bounded as follows (Viz) Begining on the Dividing Line of the Provinces at the South West Angle of Winchester and runs Notherly on Winchester Line till it comes to An Angle in Said Line thence Turning Westerly & Runs Still by Winchester till it comes to Connecticut River thence Notherly by Connecticut River Aforesaid on the West Side thereof till it comes to Venters Brook thence West 10<sup>d</sup> North two hundred & fifty Rods to A Stake & Stones thence to turn off at right Angles & run South 10<sup>d</sup> West till it comes to the Divideing Line aforesaid thence to the Divideing Line Cross Connecticut River to the Bounds first mentioned and whereas within the Bounds afores<sup>d</sup> there is Included A Strip of Land Lying on the West Side thereof Run'ing from the Province Line Northwardly to Venters Brook Parte of which was not heretofore claimed by Any Private Person nor included within the Bounds or Claim of Northfield aforesaid which Said Parte of Said Strip of Land is Given & Granted to Such of the Grantees as Live now in New Hampshire to them their

heirs & Assignes as abovesaid & upon the reservations aforesaid to be by them Divided in Such methods & Proportions as the Major Parte Shall Agree upon And that the Same be And hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of HINSDALE and that the Inhabitants that Do or shall hereafter Inhabit the said Township Are hereby Declared to be Enfranchized with & Entitled to All & Every the Priviledges & Immunities that Other Towns within our Said Province by Law Exercise & Enjoy and further that the Said Town as Soon as there Shall be fifty families there Shall have the Liberty to open & keep A market one or more Days in each Week as may be tho' most Advantagious to the Inhabitants also that the first meeting for the Choice of Town officers & other affairs Agreeable to the Laws of our said Province Shall be held on the Twenty fifth Day of September instant Which Meeting Shall be Notified by Cap<sup>t</sup> Orlando Bridgman who is hereby Also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting which he is to Notify & \*Govern Agreeable to \*1-175 the Laws & Customs of Our Said Province and that the Annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such officers for the Said Town Shall be on the Second Tuesday in March To HAVE TO HOLD the Said Tract of Land as above Expressed together with all Priviledges & Appurtenances to them & their respective heirs and assigns forever upon the following Conditions (Viz) That every Grantee his heirs and assigns Shall Plant or Cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five years for every fifty Acres Contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in the Said Township and Continue to Improve & Settle the Same by Additional Cultivations on Penalty of the forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the Said Township and its reverting to his Majesty his heirs & Successors to be by him or them Regranted to Such of his Subjects as Shall Effectually Settle & Cultivate the Same That All White & Other Pine Trees within the Township fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully Preserved for that use and none to be Cutt or fell'd without his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Especial Lycence for So doing first had & obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee his heirs or assigns to us our heirs & Successors as well as being Subject to the Penalty of Any Act or Acts of Parliament that now Are or hereafter shall be Enacted also reserveing the Power of Adding to or Divideing the Said Town so far as it Relates to Incorporations only to us Our heirs & Successors when it Shall Appear necessary or Convenient for the Benefit of the Inhabitants thereof—Also Subjecting the

Unimproved Land within this Grant to the Annual Tax of one half Penny  $\text{p}$  acre for four years from the Date hereof for building A Meeting house & Settling A Gospel Minister in the said Town That before any further Division of the Land be made to & among the Grantees A Tract of Land in the most Comodious Place the Land will admit of Shall be reserved & marked out for Town Lotts one of which Shall be Allotted to Each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre Yielding & Paying therefor to us our heirs & Successors for the Space of Ten years to be computed from the Date hereof the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only on the first Day of January next Ensueing the Date hereof if Lawfully Demanded And every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant Shall yield & Pay unto us Our heirs & Successors yearly & every year

for ever from and after the Expiration of y<sup>e</sup> Ten years from \*1-176 the Date hereof Namely on the first Day \*of January which will be in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand Seven hundred & Sixty four One Shilling Proclamation money for every hundred Acres he So owns Settles or Possesses and so in Proportion for a greater or Lesser Tract of the Said Land which money Shall be paid by the respective Persons above-said their heirs & assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsm<sup>o</sup> or to such officer or officers as Shall be appointed to receive the same and this to be in Lieu of all other rents & services whatsoever In Wittness whereof We have caused the Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Commander in Chieff of our said Province the 3<sup>d</sup> Day of September in the year of our Lord Christ 1753 and in the 27<sup>th</sup> year of our reign

B Wentworth

By his Excellencys Com'and  
with Advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Entred & recorded According to the Original Charter under the Province Seal this 4<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1753—

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Names of the Grantees of Hinsdale (Viz—

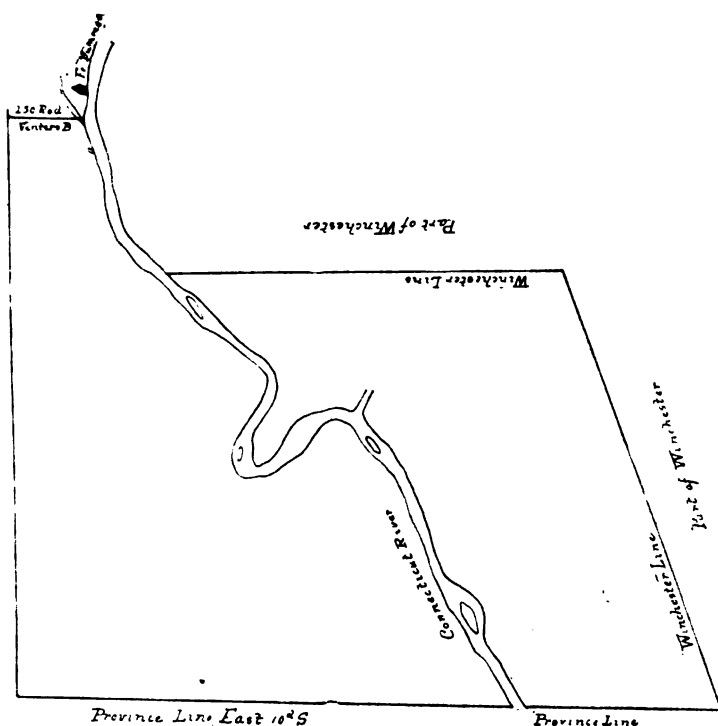
Ebenezer Allexander,	Joseph Burt,	Jonathan Belding,
Sam <sup>l</sup> Hunt,	Isaac Mattoon,	Nathaniel Mattoon,
Azariah Wright,	Remember Wright,	Nehemiah Wright,
Bennony Wright,	Phineas Wright	William Wright,
William Holton jun <sup>r</sup> ,	William Holton,	Ebenezer Severeance,

Benjamin Rose,	Benj <sup>a</sup> Brook,	Daniel Brooks
Samuel Merryman,	Samuel Smith,	Jonathan Jones,
Seth Field,	David Field,	Ebenezer Field,
Ebenezer Field jun <sup>r</sup> ,	Moses Field,	Samuel Field,
Paul Field,	Rufus Field,	Joshua Lyman,
Sarah Petty,	Alexander Norton,	Benjamin Miller,
Philip Mattoon,	Israel Warner	Ebenezer Warner,
Eleazer Paterson,	Samuel Holton,	Moses Evans,
Randal Evans,	Lydia Sautle,	Caleb How,
Amazi Doolittle,	Thomas Stebbins	Jonathan Ashley,
Hezekiah Stratton,	Joseph Stebens,	Samuel Stratton,
John Stratton,	Ebenezer Stratton,	Hezekiah Stratton jun <sup>r</sup>
Aaron Burt,	Eleazer Stratton,	Moses Dickinson,
Nathaniel Dickinson's heirs		Stephen Belding
Nathaniel Dickinson,	William orvis,	Asael Burt's heirs,
Philip Alexander,	Abram Elger,	Joseph Alexander,
John Holton,	Samuel Root,	Simeon Alexander,
Joseph Petty's heirs,	Bildad Andross,	Joshua Holton's heirs,
Josiah Foster,	Margret Petty,	Joseph Petty,
Gaius Field,	Jonathan Morton,	Timothy Nash,
Jacob Elmor,	Samuel Ashley,	Hezekiah Elmor,
John Grandy,	Daniel Elmor,	John Avory,
Lydia Doolittle,	Beriah Grandy,	Henry Kenny
Pedajah Field,	Lucius Doolittle,	Orlando Bridgman,
*1-177 John Evens,	Zeb <sup>h</sup> Stebens,	*Robert Cooper,
Daniel Shot-	Ebenezer Hindsdale,	Moses Belding,
tuck,	Joseph Stebbins Jun <sup>r</sup> ,	Samuel Burr,
Benony Wright,	Hezekiah Elmor jun <sup>r</sup> ,	John Sargants heirs,
Peter Evans,	Tho <sup>a</sup> Taylor,	Asa Childs,

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq one Tract of Land Containing five hundred Acres, one Seventy fifth Part of the Said Tract of Land for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, in forreign Parts, one Seventy fifth Parte of the Said Tract of Land for the first Settled Minister of the the Gospel in the Said Town, one Seventy fifth Parte of the Said Tract of Land for A Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established—

Recorded from the Back of the Charter for Hindsdale the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1753

✠ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>



Taken from the Plan on the back of the Charter of Hindsdale  
the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1753

⌚ Theodore Atkinson Se<sup>ry</sup>

[HINSDALE AND WINCHESTER INCORPORATION, 1753.]

\*1-178      \*Province of New Hamp'

Hindsdale George the Second by the Grace of God of Great  
Brittain, France & Ireland King Defender of the  
faith &c<sup>a</sup>

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To All Persons to whom these Presents Shall come  
Greeting.

For as much as in & by our Charter made & Passed under the  
Seal of our said Province on the Seconday of July Last A  
Grant Passed to Sundry of our Loveing Subjects of A Tract of



Land Lying within our Said Province Scituate Partly on the Divideing Line between this & our Other Government of the Massachusetts Bay and Partly on Connecticut River which Said Tract is Peticularly Discribed & bounded in our Said Charter & therein called by the Name of Winchester—And Also—For as much as in & by one other Charter made & Passed as aforesaid on the Third Day of this Instant September A Grant was made of one Other Tract of Land to Sundry others of our Loveing Subjects Bounded partly on the aforesaid Tract called Winchester and Partly on the Province Line aforesaid and Partly on Connecticut River aforesaid which Said Tract is also Peticularly Discribed & bounded in our Said Charter and therein called by the Name of Hindsdale—In Both which Charters of Grant at the Especial Instance of the Respective s<sup>d</sup> Grantees a Clause Stands Incerted Reserving to us our heirs & successors the Power of Adding to or Divideing of the Said Townships respectively So far as related to Incorporations only when it Should Appear necessary or Convenient for the Benefit of the Inhabitants thereof and for as much as the Said Inhabitants have requested an Alteration and it appearing unto us both Necessary & Convenient for the respective Inhabitants that an alteration Should be made in the Divideing Lines of the Said Townships for the more Convenient & Easey Transacting thier Respective Town affairs as well in regard to their Building Meeting Houses & Settling Ministers as makeing Roads &c<sup>a</sup> and to the Intent that these good Purposes for the benefit of the Said Inhabitants may be Effectuated—Know YE that we of our Especial Grace & Certain Knowledge & for the Encouragment & Promoteing the good Purposes & Ends aforesaid By & with the advice of our Trusty & well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Commander in Chieff & of our Council of our Province of New Hampshire afores<sup>d</sup> HAVE Errected Incorporated & ordained and by these Presents For us Our \*heirs & \*1-179 Successors Do Will & ordain That the Inhabitants of that Tract of Land that Lyes on the West Side of a Line Drawn Cross the Said Two Tracts of Land aforesaid called Winchester & Hindsdale Com'enceing at a stake standing in the Province Line aforesaid at the Distance of Eighty Rods East 10<sup>d</sup> South of the Easterly Side of Connecticut River where the s<sup>d</sup> Province Line Crosses the said river and from said Stake run'ing North by the Needle of the surveyers Compass till it Intersects the Divideing Line between Winchester aforesaid and our Town of Chesterfield And they that Shall hereafter Inhabit the Same be & hereby are

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tion of the Said Town We Do hereby Will & ordain that the Annual Meeting for the Choice of Town officers Shall be Constantly held on the Said first Tuesday in March forever hereafter In Testimony Whereof We have Caused the Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff of our Said Province the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of September in the year of our Lord Christ 1753 And in the 27<sup>th</sup> year of our reign—

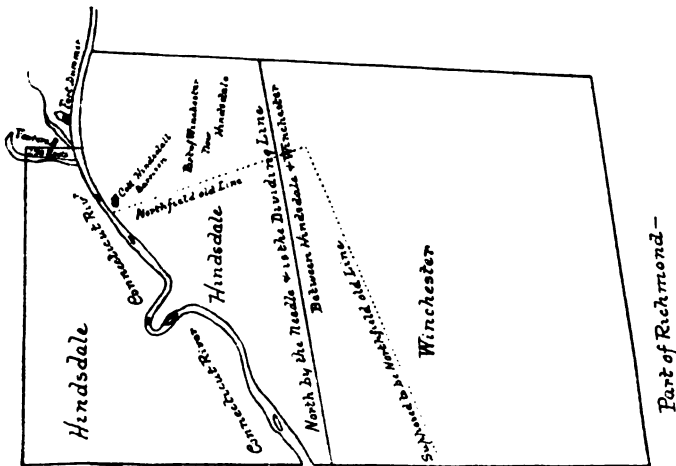
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By His Excellencys Com'and  
with Advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Entred & recorded According to the Original Charter under the Province Seal this 26 of September 1753

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>



Taken from the Plan on the Back of the original Charter of Incorporation for Hinsdale & Winchester 26 of September 1753  
Attest Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

## HOLDERNESS.

[Granted Nov. 10, 1751, to John Shepard and others. Regranted as *New Holderness* Oct. 24, 1761, to Maj. John Wentworth and others. The town was named in honor of the Earl of Holderness. The name was changed to Holderness June 12, 1816. The town was taken from Strafford County and annexed to Grafton, Sept. 14, 1782. Ashland was set off and incorporated July 1, 1868.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 394; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 226; Index to Laws, 244, 402; Batchelder's History of the Eastern Diocese, P. E. Church, 1876, p. 262; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 580; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 391; Note on New Holderness, 13, Collections of Mass. Historical Society, 113; Holderness and the Livermores, by F. M. Colby, 4, Granite Monthly, 175; Biography of Samuel Livermore, by C. R. Corning, 1, Proceedings of Grafton and Coös Bar Association, 365; Biography of Arthur Livermore, by E. S. Stearns, 2, *id.*, 429.]

## [HOLDERNESS CHARTER, 1751.]

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Holderness

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\*Prov<sup>e</sup> of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>

George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c<sup>a</sup>

To All to whom these Presents Shall come Greeting

Know Ye that we of our Special Grace Certain Knowledge & mere Motion for the due Encouragement of Settling A New Plantation within our Said Province by & with the Advice of our Trusty & well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff of our Said Province of New Hampshire in America & of our Council of Said Province Have upon the Conditions & Reservations hereafter made Given & Granted And by these Presents for us our heirs & Successors Do give & Grant in Equal Shears unto our Loving Subjects Inhabitants of our Said

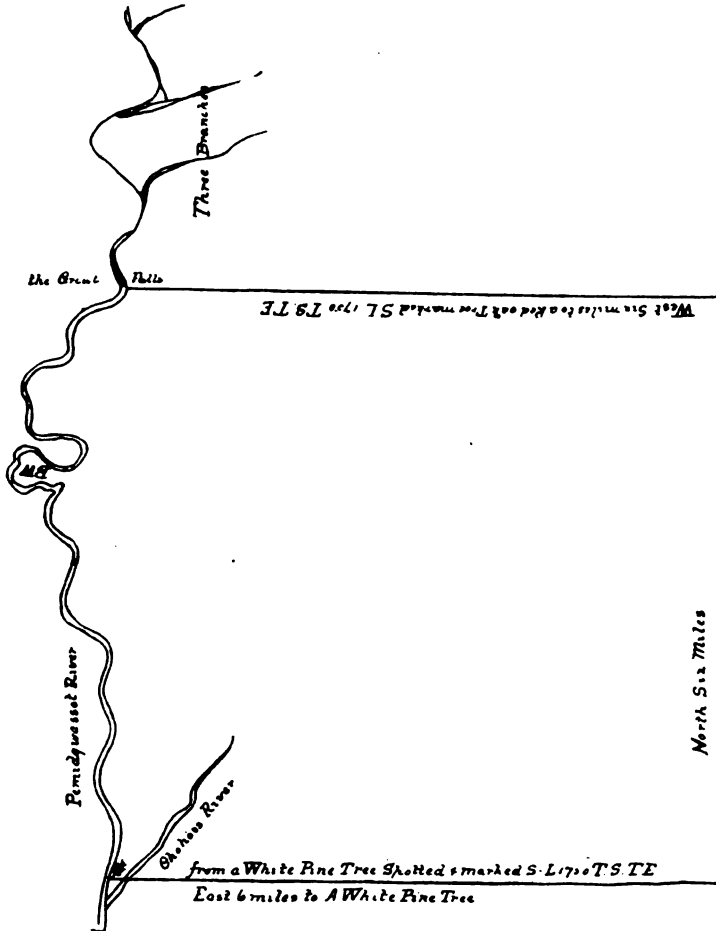
\*1-82 \*Province of New Hampshire And his Majesties Other Governments and to their heirs And Assignes for ever whose names Are Entred on this Grant to be Divided to and Amoungst them into Sixty Seven Equal All That Tract or Parcel of Land Scituate Lying & being within our Province of New Hampshire Containing by Admeasurement Twenty three thousand & forty Acres which Tract is to Contain Six miles Square & no more out of which an

Allowence is to be made for high ways & unimproveable Lands by Rocks Mountains Ponds & Rivers One thousand & forty Acres free, According to A Plan thereof made & Presented by our Said Governours orders And hereunto Annexed Butted & bounded as follows (Viz) Begining at A Red Oak Tree at the foot of the great falls Runing South Six Miles by Pemidgwasset river to A White Pine Tree from Thence Running East Six Miles to A White Pine Tree thence runing North Six Miles thence running West Six Miles to the Tree first mentioned and that the Same be & is Incorporated into A Township by the Name of HOLDERNESSE and that the Inhabitants that Do or Shall hereafter Inhabit the said Township Are hereby Declared to be Enfranchized with & Entituled to all & Every the Previlidges & Immunities that Other Towns within our Said Province by Law Exercize & Enjoy: & further that the Said Town as Soon as there Shall be fifty families Resident & Settled thereon Shall have the Liberty of holding two fairs one of which Shall be held on the first Wednesday in June & the Other on the first Wednesday in October following Annually which fairs Are not to Continue & be held Longer then the respective Frydays following the s<sup>d</sup> Respective Days And as Soon as the Said Town Shall Consist of fifty families A Market Shall be Opened & kept one or more Days in Each week as may be tho<sup>t</sup> most advantagious to the Inhabitants also that the first meeting for the Choice of Town officers Agreeable to the Laws of our s<sup>d</sup> Province Shall be held on the Twentyeth Day of November Instant which meeting Shall be Notified by Thomas Sheapard who is hereby Also Appointed the Moderator of the Said first Meeting which he is to Notify & Govern Agreeable to the Laws & Customs of our Said Province And that the Annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of Such Officers of Said Town Shall be on the Last Tuesday in March Annually To HAVE & TO HOLD the S<sup>d</sup> Tract of Land as above Expressed together with all the Previlidges & Appurtenances to them & their Respective heirs & assignes forever upon the following Conditions (Viz) That every Grantee his heirs or assignes Shall Plant or Cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five years for every fifty Contained in his or \*thier Shear or Proportion of \*1-83 Land in S<sup>d</sup> Township And Continue to Improve & Settle the Same by Aditonal Cultivations on Penalty of the forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the Said Township and its Reverting to his Maj<sup>ty</sup> his heirs & Successors to be by him or them Regranted to Such of his Subjects as Shall Effectually Settle & Cultivate the

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Entred & recorded according to the Original Charter under the  
Province Seal this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of Nov: 1751

⌘ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>



Names of the Grantees of Holderness—

John Sheppard Sen<sup>r</sup>, John Ellison Sen<sup>r</sup>, Thomas Ellison,  
Thomas Sheppard, Samuel Sheppard Sen<sup>r</sup>, Samuel Sheppard jun<sup>r</sup>,  
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Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of **NEW HAMPSHIRE**, in *New-England*, and of our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Sixty Seven equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, about Twenty Three Thousand *Acres*, which Tract is to contain about Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Beginning at a Red Oak Tree at the foot of the Great Falls in Pemidgewasset River thence runing East Six Miles then Turning off at Right Angles and runing South Six Miles then Turning off again & runing Westerly Six Miles to A White Pine Tree Marked Standing on the Bank of the river afore Said then runing up Said River Nothely as that runs to the Bounds first above Mentioned as Bounds began at—And that the same be. and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of New Holderness And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the \_\_\_\_\_ And the \_\_\_\_\_

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said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may  
be \*opened and kept one or more Days in each Week, as \*2-290  
may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants.  
Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers,  
agreable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the

settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this is to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of Octob<sup>r</sup> In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty one And in the First Year of Our Reign.

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By His EXCELLENCY's Command,  
With Advice of COUNCIL,

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Prov<sup>o</sup> of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Octob<sup>r</sup> 24—1761

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\*The Names of the Grantees of New Holderness Viz \*2-291

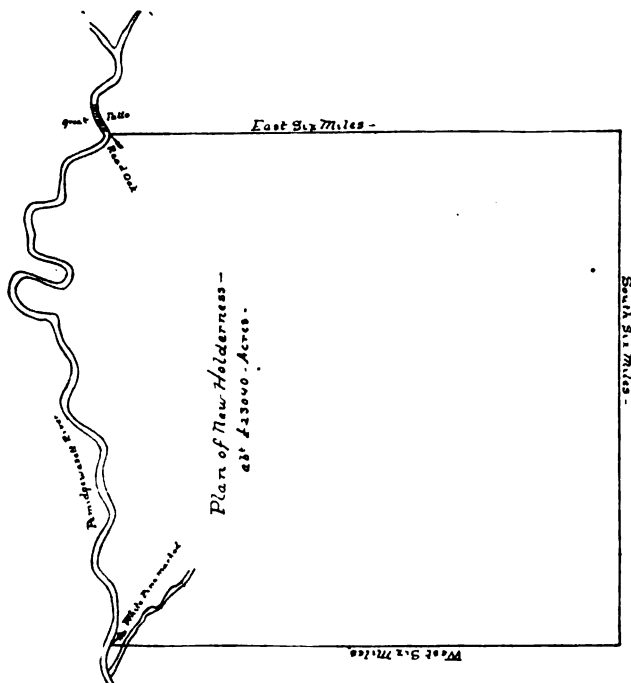
Maj <sup>r</sup> John Wentworth	Sam <sup>ll</sup> Sheapard 3 <sup>d</sup>	Thomas Vokes
Thomas Harvey	Edward Hall Bergin	James Kielly
Robert Harvey	Will <sup>m</sup> Curry	William Cox
Joseph Sheapard	William Kennedy	Charles Cox
Joseph Baker	Thomas Willee	John Cox
Nicholas Gookin	John Sheapard Sen <sup>r</sup>	Edward Cox
W <sup>m</sup> Simpson Sen <sup>r</sup>	Thomas Sheapard	Joseph Cox
David Simpson	Sam <sup>ll</sup> Sheapard Sen <sup>r</sup>	William Cox jun <sup>r</sup>
W <sup>m</sup> Simpson jun <sup>r</sup>	Charles Bomford	John Bergin
Joseph Simpson	Joseph Ellison	Hercules Moony
Samuel Wentworth	Esq Rich <sup>d</sup> Ellison	William Williams
Murry Hambleton	William Ellison	Samuel Lamb
Theodore Atkinson	Esq Robert Bomford	Charles Cox jun <sup>r</sup>
Rich <sup>d</sup> Wibird Esq	William Smith	Derry Pitman
John Downing Esq	William Campble	Sam <sup>ll</sup> Livermore
M <sup>rs</sup> Sarah Mitchell	William Garrow	Charles Bamford jun <sup>r</sup>
{ John Kavanah & John }	{ Henry Wallis	Mark H <sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq
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Henry Lane	Henry Hill	Joseph Bartlet of Newtown
Sam <sup>ll</sup> Wentworth Esq	{ John Sheapard jun <sup>r</sup>	John Mackleroy
Boston	{ William Kellsy	

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq & his Son John Wentworth Esq Deceased Share, Eight Hundred Acres, the Neck Marked B—W—in the Plan to be Accounted Part of the Eight Hundred Acres & altogether be Accounted Three Shares, One Share for the Society for the Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, One share for the Benefit of the School in said Town, One Share for the First Settled Minister in Comunion with the Church of England, & One Share for a Glebe for for the Church of England as by Law Established—

Province of New Hamps' Octo' 24. 1761.

Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter of New Holderness under the Province Seal—

Attested  Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>—



Province of New Hamps' Octo' 24, 1761

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## [REGRANT OF TWO LOTS IN NEW HOLDERNESSE, 1771.]

\*Province of New } GEORGE the third by the Grace \*5-344  
 Hampshire } of God of great Britain France &  
 Ireland king defender of the faith &c

To all to whom these presents shall come Greeting.

Know ye that whereas we by our Letters patent under the seal of our Province of New Hampshire bearing date the Twenty fourth day of october in the first year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1761 of our Especial Grace certain knowledge and mere motion for the due encouragement of settling a new plantation did give & grant unto William Campbel & William Garrow (among other our loving Subjects Inhabitants of our said Province of New Hampshire & our other Governments to each of them one Sixty Seventh part of a certain tract or parcel of land containing about Six Miles Square on the Easterly side of the Pemigawasset River by the name of New Holderness upon certain conditions in our said letters patent mentioned & expressed to be performed by the said Grantees within the space of two years from the date of our said Letters patent on penalty of the forfeiture of their respective grant or Shares of the said Township and of its reverting to us our heirs and Successors to be by us or them regranted to such of our loving Subjects as shall Effectually settle & cultivate the same—And WHEREAS the said William Campbell & William Garrow have in no way fulfilled the conditions afores<sup>d</sup> but have altogether relinquished and forfeited their grants or shares aforesaid as hath been made Sufficiently to appear to our Governour & Council of our Province aforesaid whereby we are become reseized & possessed of the premisses aforesaid as if the before recited grant had never been made. WE THEREFORE of our further Especial grace certain knowledge and mere motion for the due encouragement of Settling the aforesaid two shares of the said Campbell & Garrow forfeited as aforesaid by & with the advice of our trusty & well beloved John Wentworth Esquire governor & commander in chief of our said Province of New Hampshire & of our Council of the said province have upon the conditions and reservations hereinafter mentioned given & granted and by these presents for us our heirs & Successors do give and grant unto our loving Subjects \*Samuel Livermore Esquire and Richard Cutts Shannon Gentleman \*5-345 both of Portsmouth in the province afores<sup>d</sup> the said Two shares of Land of the said William Campbell & William Garrow forfeited as

aforesaid TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted premisses with the appurtenances unto them the said Samuel Livermore & Richard Cutts Shannon their heirs and Assigns forever upon the following Terms conditions and reservations viz first that they pay all legal Rates and Taxes heretofore set on said Shares. Secondly That the said Grantees their heirs or Assigns shall plant and Cultivate five Acres for every fifty contained in the said Shares within the Term of five years from the date of this Grant on penalty of the forfeiture of the said Shares hereby granted. Thirdly that all white and other pine trees being & growing within & upon either or both of the said shares fit for masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use & none to be cut or felled without our special licence for so doing first had & obtained on pain of forfeiting their respective right in the premisses as well as being Subject to the penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament. Fourthly That the said Grantees their heirs or Assigns shall yeild & pay unto us our heirs and Successors on the Twenty fifth day of December annually their Just proportion of all such Quitrents as are expressed & reserved in the Original Grant or Charter of the said Township of New Holderness—And these to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the seal of our said province to be hereto Affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH esquire our afores<sup>d</sup> Governour and commander in chief the nineteenth day of August in the Eleventh year of our Reign and in the year of our lord Christ one Thousand Seven hundred & Seventy one

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By his Excellency's command  
with the advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Received the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1780 & recorded According to the original under the province seal

Attest E Thompson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

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HOLLIS.

[This was a part of the Old Dunstable grant. Set off by Massachusetts as *West Dunstable* December 28, 1739. Incorporated by New Hampshire as *Holles*, April 3, 1746, and named in honor of Thomas Pelham Holles, Duke of Newcastle.

The name was changed to Hollis in honor of Thomas Hollis, benefactor of Harvard College. One Pine Hill was annexed December 13, 1763. A portion of the town was combined with part of Mile Slip to make up the town of Raby, now Brookline, March 30, 1769. The south part of Monson was annexed July 4, 1770. A small portion of Dunstable was annexed May 14, 1773. Parts of Hollis were annexed to Brookline February 17, 1786, and January 12, 1787.


See papers under title Dunstable; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 397; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 231; Index to Laws, 245; sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 435; Scrap of History Relating to Hollis and Dunstable, 1, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 57; Historical Sketch of West Dunstable, by C. S. Spaulding, 10, Granite Monthly, 165; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 57; Baptist Churches in New Hampshire, by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 12; Lawrence's New Hampshire Churches, 1856, p. 185; Brief History of the Congregational Church, 150th anniversary, 1893, by S. L. Gerould, pp. 62; address at centennial celebration, by Grant Powers, 1830, pp. 36; Discourse Occasioned by Centennial Anniversary of Hon. Timothy Farrar, LL. D., by Timothy Farrar Clary, 1847; History, by S. T. Worcester, 1879, pp. 402; The Early History of, by S. T. Worcester, 28, New England Hist. Gen. Register, 52, 146, 261; History of the Old Township of Dunstable, by C. J. Fox, 1846, p. 229; Hollis in the Revolution, by S. T. Worcester, New England Hist. Gen. Register, vol. 30, p. 288, to vol. 31, p. 169; Hollis in the Battle of Bunker Hill, by S. T. Worcester, 1873, pp. 14; story relating to settlement of, 2, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 172; The Town of Hollis, by S. T. Worcester, New England Hist. Gen. Register, vol. 27, p. 337, to vol. 28, p. 332; History of the Coös Country, by Grant Powers, 1841, p. 229.]

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[HOLLIS CHARTER, 1746.]

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 George the Second by the Grace of God of great  
Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith  
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To all to whom these Presents Shall Come  
Hollis Charter Greeting

Whereas Sundry of our Loyal Subjects Inhabitants of a Tract of Land within the Antient Boundaries of A Town called Old Dunstable in our Province of New Hamp' on the Westerly Side of Merrimack River hereinafter Discribed Have Humbly Petitioned & requested of us that they may be Errected & Incorporated into a Township & Infranchised with the Same Powers Authorities & Previledges which other Towns within our S<sup>d</sup> Province by Law have & Enjoy and it appearing to us to be Conducive to the

General good of our S<sup>d</sup> Province as well as of the S<sup>d</sup> Inhabitants in Particular by maintaining of good order & Encouraging the Culture of the Lands That the Same Should be Done

Know Ye therefore That We of Our Especial Grace Certain knowledge & for the Encouragement & Promoting the good Purposes & Ends afores<sup>d</sup> by & with the Advice of Our Trusty & Well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Comander in Chief & of our Council for S<sup>d</sup> Province Have Errected Incorporated and Ordained and by these Presents for us our heirs & Successors do will & ordain that the Inhabitants of the Tract of Land afores<sup>d</sup> (Bounded as follows Viz) Begining at Nashua River where the Notherly boundary Line of the Province of Massachuettis Bay Crosses that river runing North Eighty Degrees West on Said Line Six miles & ninty Six Rods then North by the Needle on Dunstable Antient Head Line four Miles & one hundred &

\*1-29 forty rods then South \*Eighty Degrees East by the Needle to Muddy Brook then by Muddy Brook into Flints pond then by flints Brook unto Nashua River then by Nashua River to the Place where it first began and that Shall Inhabit the Same be & by these Presents Are Declared & ordained to be A Town Corporate & Are hereby Errected & Incorporated into a Body Pollitick & Corporation to have Continuance for Ever by the Name of Holles with All the Powers & Authorities Previledges & Imunites & Franchises which Other Towns within S<sup>d</sup> Province or any of them by Law have & Enjoy To HAVE & TO HOLD the s<sup>d</sup> Powers And Authorities Imunities & Franchises to them the S<sup>d</sup> Inhabitants & their Successors for ever Always reserving to us our heirs & Successors all white Pine Trees Growing & Being & that Shall hereafter Grow & be on the S<sup>d</sup> Tract of Land fit for the use of our Royal Navy Reserving Alsoe the Power of Divideing the S<sup>d</sup> Town to us our heirs & Successors when it Shall Appear necessary or Convenient for the Benefit of the Inhabitants thereof and As the Several Towns within our S<sup>d</sup> Province Are by Laws thereof Enabled & Authorized to Assemble & by a Majority of Votes to Choose all Such Officers As Are mentioned in the S<sup>d</sup> Laws We do by these Presents Nominate And Appoint Coll Joseph Blanchard to Call the first Meeting of the s<sup>d</sup> Inhabitants to be held within the S<sup>d</sup> Town at Any Time within thirty Days from the Date hereof giving Legal Notice of the Time Place & Designe of Holding Such Meeting In Testimony whereof we have Caused the Seal of our S<sup>d</sup> Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness

Benning Wentworth Esq Our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff  
of Our S<sup>d</sup> Province the Third Day of April in the  
year of Our Lord Christ 1746 and in the \*Nineteenth \*1-30  
Year of Our Reign—

B Wentworth

By his Excelencys Comand  
with Advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Entred & Recorded According to the Original the Day of  
April 1746—

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Mem<sup>o</sup> See the Plan belonging to this Charter recorded in Page  
(25) with the Charter of Dunstable which Plan was alsoe on the  
Back of the Original Charter of Holles as recorded above

Attest<sup>r</sup> Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

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HUDSON.

[This was a part of the Old Dunstable grant, and was afterwards included in the limits of Nottingham. Incorporated as *Nottingham West*, July 5, 1746. The name was changed to Hudson July 1, 1830. The southwest part of Londonderry was annexed March 6, 1778. The line with Londonderry was established June 27, 1857, and the line with Windham July 2, 1862.

See Massachusetts charters preceding, and Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 193, 416; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 273; Index to Laws, 251, 410; sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 457; papers under title Dunstable; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 187; Hudson Soldiers in the War of Revolution, by Kimball Webster, 1888. pp. 7.]

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[NOTTINGHAM WEST INCORPORATED, 1746.]

\*Province of New Hampshire

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George the Second by the Grace of God  
of Great Britain France & Ireland King De-  
fender of the faith &c<sup>a</sup>

To all to whom these Presents Shall come  
Nottingham West Greeting—Whereas Sundry of Our Loyal Sub-  
jects Inhabitants of a Tract of Land within the Antient Boundaries





Benefit of the Inhabitants thereof And As the Several Towns within our S<sup>d</sup> Province Are by Laws thereof Enabled & Authorized to Assemble And by the Majority of Votes to Chuse All Such Officers as Are mentioned in the S<sup>d</sup> Laws We do by these Presents Nominate & Appoint Zacheus Lovel Gentleman to Call the first meeting of the S<sup>d</sup> Inhabitants to be held within S<sup>d</sup> Town at Any Time within Thirty Days from the Date hereof giving Legal Notice of the Time & Place and Design of holding Such Meeting In Testimony whereof we have Caused the Seal of Our S<sup>d</sup> Province to be hereunto Affixed Wittness Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Comander In Chieff of Our S<sup>d</sup> Province the fifth Day of July in the year of our Lord Christ One thousand Seven hundred & forty Six And in the Twentieth year of Our Reign

B Wentworth

By his Excelencys Com'and  
with Advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Entred & recorded According to the Original this 16<sup>th</sup> Day of  
September 1746—

¶ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

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## JACKSON.

[Incorporated as *Adams*, December 4, 1800, in honor of John Adams, and consisted of grants to Lieut. Samuel Gilman, Capt. Richard Gridley, Capt. Robert Rogers, Wentworth, Rogers & Treadwell, Fowle's Location, and some state land. A tract of state land was granted the town for school purposes June 14, 1806. A small piece of land was severed from *Adams* and annexed to Bartlett, June 22, 1819. A portion of Bartlett was annexed to *Adams*, July 3, 1822, and another small piece, July 3, 1839. The name was changed to Jackson July 4, 1829, in honor of Andrew Jackson. The west, and part of the south lines were established July 7, 1837.

See XII, Hammond Town Papers, 288; Index to Laws, 9, 261; sketch, Ferguson's History of Carroll County, 1889, p. 945; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 252; Lawrence's New Hampshire Churches, 1856, p. 600; A Partial Exploration of Mt. Wildcat, by M. M. Pychowska, 3, Appalachia, 271; Willey's History of the White Mountains, 1870, p. 163; The White Mountains, A Guide to their Interpretation, by Julius H. Ward, 1890, p. 107; In the Heart of the White Mountains, by S. A. Drake, 1882, p. 117.]

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Secretary's office (a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed) may more fully appear Butted & Bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at a Beech Tree standing on the Easterly bank of the North branch of Saco River (commonly called Ellis's River) above the Falls and running South Seventy degrees East Three hundred and Twenty rods to a hemlock Tree spotted and marked D. G. from thence North Thirty degrees East Six hundred and Forty rods to a beech Tree spotted and marked D. G. from thence North Seventy degrees West Five hundred & Eight rods to a beech Tree spotted and marked D. G. from thence South 30 Deg<sup>ees</sup> West six hundred and forty rods to a beech Tree spotted and marked D. G. from thence South Seventy degrees East a little below the bounds began at.—  
**TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** the said Tract of Land as above expressed to him the said DAVID & to his heirs and Assigns for ever upon the following Terms Conditions & Reservations—**VIDELI-CET—**

**FIRST** That the said Grantee shall cut clear & make passable for Carriages &c. \*a Road of Three Rods wide \*I-382 thro' the said Tract as shall be at any Time hereafter directed or ordered by the Governor & Council aforesaid which road is to be completed in one year from the date of such Order or direction of the Governor & Council aforesaid on penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant and of its reverting to us our heirs & Successors.—

**SECOND—**That the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be settled Four Families in Two Years from the date of this Grant; in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our heirs and Successors to be by us or them entered upon and regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle & cultivate the same.—

**THIRD—**That all White and other Pine Trees fit for masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use and none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had & obtained on penalty of the forfeiture of the right of the Grantee in the said Tract of Land his heirs and Assigns to us our heirs & Successors as well as being subject to the penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.—

**FOURTH—**Yielding and paying therefor to us our heirs and Successors on or before the Sixth day of June 1773 the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if Lawfully demanded.—

**FIFTH—**That the said Grantee his heirs and Assigns shall yield and pay unto us our heirs and Successors yearly and every year

for ever from & after the expiration of TEN years from the date of this Grant which will be in the year of our Lord Christ 1781 One Shilling Proclamation money for every hundred Acres he so owns settles or possesses & so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Land aforesaid; which money shall be paid by the respective Proprietor or Settler in our Council chamber in Portsmouth or to such officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; & these to be in lieu of all other rents and Services.—

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have Caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esq: our aforesaid Governor & Commander in chief the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June in the eleventh year of our Reign Anno: Dom: 1771.

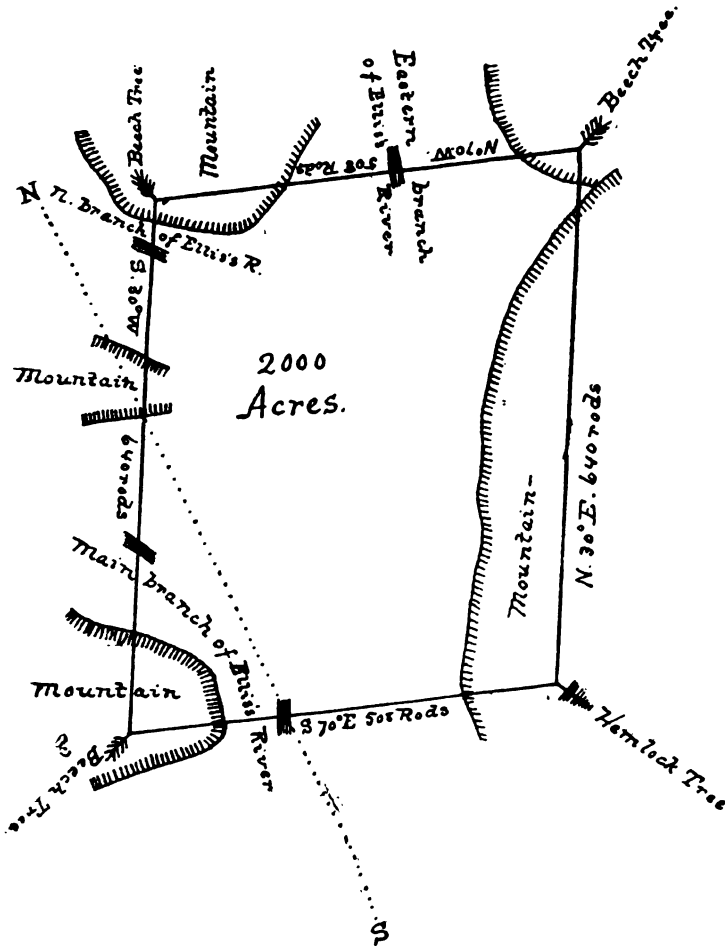
J<sup>r</sup> Wentworth.

By his Excellency's Command }  
with advice of Council }  
Theodore Atkinson Secretary.

Recorded according to the Original Grant under the Province Seal the 6<sup>th</sup> June 1771.

Att<sup>r</sup> Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

A Plan of 2000 Acres of Land laid out for Lieu<sup>t</sup> David Gilman. Protracted by a Scale of 200 Rods to an Inch:



Province of New Hampshire Portsmouth 14<sup>th</sup> May 1771.

These Certify that this Plan Beginning at a beech Tree standing on the Easterly bank of the North branch of Saco River (commonly call'd Ellis's River) above the falls & running S. 70°

E. 320 Rods to a hemlock Tree spotted & marked D. G. from thence North 30 degrees East 640 rods to a beech Tree spotted & mark'd D. G. from thence North 70 degrees 508 Rods West to a beech tree spotted & marked D. G. from thence S. 30 degrees West 640 Rods to a Beech Tree spotted & marked D. G. from thence S. 70 degrees East a little below the bounds began at. Contains Two Thousand Acres of Land & is a True Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Tract as taken & returned to me by M<sup>r</sup> Vere Royse Dep<sup>y</sup> S<sup>r</sup>

Att<sup>t</sup> Is: Rindge.—

[GRANT TO RICHARD GRIDLEY, 1773.]

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\*Province of New Hampshire.

Rich<sup>d</sup> Gridly Esq<sup>r</sup> GEORGE the THIRD by the grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King defender of the Faith &c<sup>a</sup>—

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To all to whom these Presents Shall Come—Greeting—

Whereas we have tho<sup>t</sup> fit by our Proclamation at S<sup>t</sup> Jamess the Seventh day of October in the third Year of Our Reign Annoq. Domini 1763 among other Things to Testify our Royal Sence & Approbation of the Conduct and Bravery of the officers & Soldiers of Our Armies & Signify our Desire to reward the Same & have therein Com<sup>and</sup>ed & Impowered our Several Governors of Our Respective Provinces on the Continent of America to

\*4-134 Grant without Fee or \*Reward to such Reduced Officers as have Served in North America during the late War & to Such Private Soldiers as have been or Shall be disbanded there and Shall Personally Apply for the Same such Quantitys of Land respectively as in & by our afores<sup>d</sup> Proclamation are Peticularly mentioned Subject nevertheless to the Same Quit Rents & Conditions of Cultivations And Improvement as Other our Lands are Subject to in the Province in which they are granted—And Whereas Richard Gridley of Boston in our Province of the Massachusetts Bay Esq. had our appointment as A Captain and Served during the late War & is now reduced And He having Personally Applyd And Sollicitated for such Grant Agreeable to our afores<sup>d</sup> Proclamation KNOW YE that We of our Special Grace certain Knowledge and mere Motion do Signify our approbation as afores<sup>d</sup> and for encouraging the Settlement & Cultivation

of our Lands within our Said Province of New Hampshire in New England—HAVE (by & with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq our Governor and Com<sup>ander</sup> in Chieff of Our Said Province and of Our Council of the Same agreeable to our afores<sup>d</sup> in Part recited Proclamation & upon the Conditions & Reservations hereinafter mentioned) given & Granted and by these Presents for us our Heirs & Sucessors do give & Grant unto the Said Richard Gridley and to his Heirs And Assigns for ever a Certain Tract or Parcel of Land scituate Lying & being within Our Said Province and containing by Admeasurement Three Thousand Acres as by A Plan or Survey of Said Tract exhibited by Our Surveyer General of Lands for Our Said Province and returned into the Secretarys Office (A Copy whereof is hereunto annexed) may more fully Appear Butted and Bounded as follows. (Viz) begining at A Beach Tree bearing North 30 Degrees East eighty rods from the North Westerly corner bound of Land granted Leiu<sup>t</sup> David Gillman from thence running South thirty degrees West three miles to A Hornbeam Tree, thence North Sixty degrees West five hundred rodds, to a Yellow Birch Tree from thence North Thirty degrees East Three Miles to A Beech Tree thence South Sixty Degrees East five hundred rods to the Bounds first mentioned. To HAVE & TO HOLD the Said Tract of Land as above expressed to Him the Said Richard & to his heirs and assigns forever upon the following Terms Conditions & Reservations (Viz)—

**FIRST** That the Said Grantee shall Settle or Cause to be Settled Six Familys in five Years from the Date of this Grant in failure whereof the Premisses to revert to us our heirs & Successors to be by us or them entered upon & Re granted to Such of our Subjects as Shall effectually Settle & Cultivate the Same—

**SECOND** That the S<sup>d</sup> Grantee shall cut clear & make passable for Carriages &c<sup>a</sup> a road of three Rods wide thro<sup>th</sup> the Said Tract as shall be at any Time hereafter directed & ordred by the Governor & Council aforesaid—which road shall be compleated in One Year from the Date of Such Order or Direction on Penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant & of its reverting to us our heirs & Successors—

**THIRD** That all white & other Pine Trees fit of Masting Our Royal \*Navy be Carefully Preserved for \*4-135 that Use and none to be Cut or felled without our especial Licence for so doing first had & obtained on Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee in the Said Tract of Land his



Heirs and Assignes to us our heirs & Successors as Well as being Subject to the Penalties prescribed by any Present as well as future act or acts of Parliam<sup>t</sup>

FOURTH Yielding & paying therefor to us our heirs & Successors on or before the first Day of January 1778 the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if Lawfully demand—

FIFTH That the s<sup>d</sup> Grantee his heirs And Assigns shall Yield & Pay unto us our heirs & Successors Yearly & every Year forever from & after the Expiration of Ten Years from the Date of this Grant which will be in the Year of our Lord Christ 1783 One Shilling Proclamation Money for every Hundred acres he so owns Settles or Possesses and so in Proportion of A Greater or lesser Tract of the Land afore Said which Money shall be paid by the respective Proprietor or Settler as afore Said in our Council Chamber in Portsm<sup>e</sup> or to such officer or officers as shall be appointed to receive the Same and these to be in lieu of all other rents & services whatsoever—

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our S<sup>d</sup> Prov : to be hereunto affixed Wittness JOHN WENTWORTH Esq Our Said Governor & Com'ander in Chieff the fifth day of February in the Thirteenth Year of Our Reign Annoq Domini 1773—

By his Excellency's Com'and } J Wentworth  
with advice of Council }  
Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

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Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Portsmouth the 2<sup>d</sup> of December 1772.

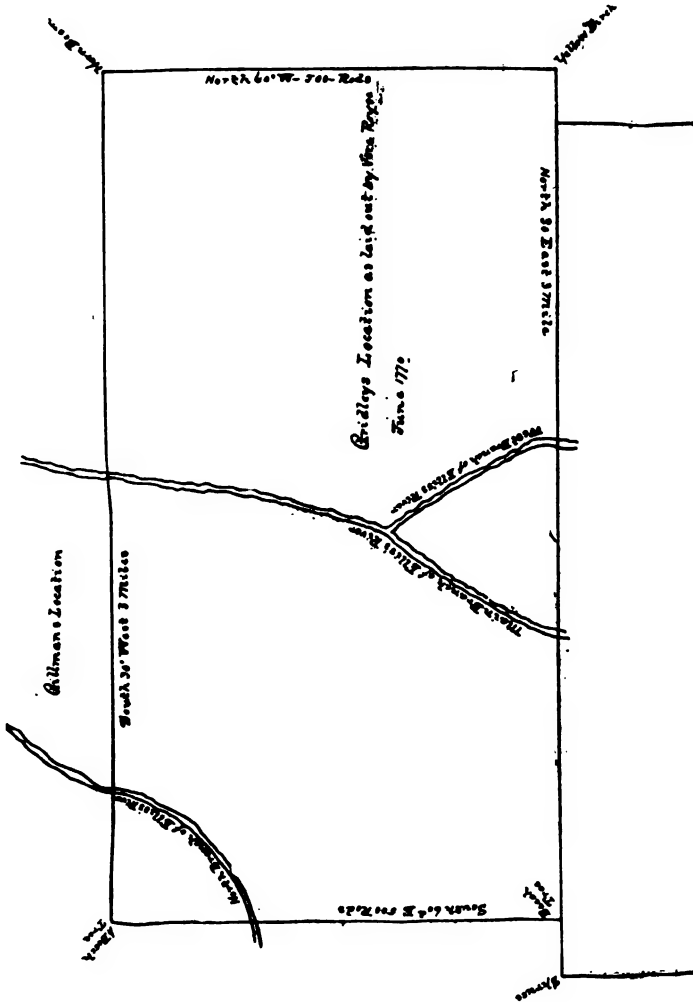
This Certifys that this Plan Begining at Beach Tree bearing North Thirty degrees East Eighty rods from the North Westerly Corner bound of Land granted to Lieu<sup>t</sup> David Gillman from thence run'ing South Thirty degrees West Three Miles to A Hornbeam Tree from thence North Sixty degrees West five Hundred rods to a Yellow Birch Tree from thence North Thirty degrees East Three Miles to A Beech Tree thence South Sixty degrees East five hundred rods to the Bound first mentioned Contains Three thousand Acres of Land & is a True Copy of an original Plan or Survey of Said Tract as taken And returned to me by M<sup>r</sup> Vere Royse Deputy Surveyer and lays on the branches of Ellis's River so called

Attest<sup>r</sup> Is Rindge S—G<sup>l</sup>

A True Copy Taken from the Original Plan annexed to y<sup>e</sup>  
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Attest Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

See the Plan on the Other Side P<sup>a</sup> 136



## [GRANT TO CHARLES ROGERS, 1774.]

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 New Hampshire } GOD of Great Britain France & Ire-  
 land King Defender of the Faith &c

To all to whom these Presents shall come greeting—

WHEREAS We have thought fit by our Proclamation at S<sup>t</sup> James's the seventh day of October in the third Year of our reign Annoque Domini 1763—among other things to Testify Our Royal Sense and approbation of the conduct & bravery of the Officers & Soldiers of our Armies and signified Our desire to reward the same and have therein commanded & empowered Our several Governors of Our respective Provinces on the Continent of America to grant without Fee or reward to such reduced Officers as have served in North America during the last War and to such private Soldiers as have been or shall be disbanded there and shall personally apply for the same such quantities of Land respectively as in & by Our aforesaid proclamation are particularly mentioned subject nevertheless to Such Quitrents & condition of cultivation and improvement as other Our Lands are subject to in the Province in which they are granted. And whereas Charles Rogers of                      in our County of                      and Province of New Hampshire aforesaid Gentleman had Our Appointment as a Lieutenant and served in America during the late War and is now reduced and he having made personal

\*5-114 application & solicited for such Grant Agreeable to\* Our said Proclamation.

KNOW YE That We of Our special Grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion do signify Our approbation as aforesaid and for the encouragement settlement and cultivation of our Lands within Our said Province of New Hampshire in New England HAVE and by and with the advice of Our trusty and wellbeloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> Our Governor and Commander in chief of Our said Province of New Hampshire and of Our Council of the same agreeable to Our aforesaid in part recited Proclamation and upon the Conditions & reservations hereafter mentioned given & granted & by these Presents for us Our Heirs & Successors do give and grant unto the said Charles Rogers and to his Heirs and Assigns forever a certain Tract or parcel of Land situate lying & being in our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid containing by admeasurement Two thousand and nine Acres

of Land as by a Plan or Survey of said Tract exhibited by Our Surveyor General of Lands for Our said Province of New Hampshire and returned into the Secretary's Office of our Said Province a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed may more fully appear butted & bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at a Rock Maple Tree which is the northeasterly Corner Bound of a Tract of Land lately granted to Andrew McMullin Esq<sup>r</sup> frome thence\* running North eighty two \*5-115 degrees West three hundred and ninety Seven Rods to a Yellow Birch Tree thence North eight degrees East five hundred Rods to a Rock Maple Tree thence South eighty two degrees East four hundred Rods to a Beech Tree thence South thirty degrees East five hundred & sixty Rods to a Beech Tree thence South eight degrees West One hundred & thirty Rods to a Hemloc Tree thence North eighty two degrees West three hundred forty eight Rods to a Hemloc Tree thence North eight degrees East sixty nine Rods to the bounds began at the same Trees being spotted & marked with the Letters V R.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted premisses as above expressed to him the said Charles Rogers his Heirs & Assigns forever upon the following conditions and reservations Viz<sup>t</sup>

FIRST That the said Grantee shall clear & make passable a Road through the said Tract of Land four rods wide fit for Carriages of all kinds as shall be at any time hereafter directed or ordered by Our Governer & Council aforesaid which Road is to be completed in one Year from the date of the order or direction aforesaid on penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant and of its reverting to Us our Heirs & Succesors—

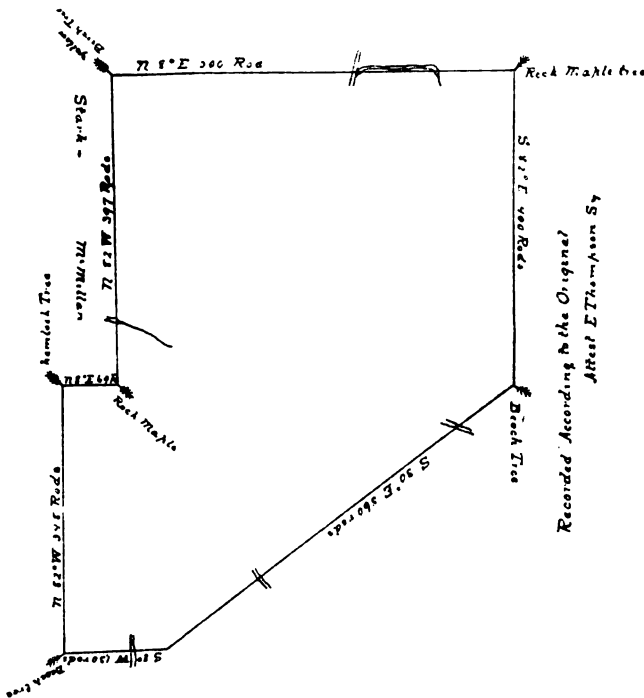
SECONDLY That the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be settled Five Families in Five Years from the date of this Grant in failure whereof the premises to revert to Us Our Heirs and Successors to be\* entered upon & regranted to such \*5-116 of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle & cultivate the same.

THIRDLY That all white and other pine Trees fit for masting Our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that Use and none to be cut or felled without Our special leave & Licence for so doing first had and obtained on penalty of the forfeiture of the right of the Grantee to Us our Heirs & Successors as well as being Subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.

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 a Rock Maple Tree which is the North Easterly corner Bound of  
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 rods to a Yellow Birch tree thence North Eight degrees East five  
 hundred Rods to A Rock Maple tree thence South Eighty Two  
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 degrees five hundred & Sixty Rods to a Beech tree thence South  
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South thirty degrees West eighty Rods to a Maple Tree from thence North sixty degrees West Two Miles one hundred & ninety Rods to a Birch Tree from thence South thirty degrees West One Mile & thirty Rods to a Birch Tree from thence South ten degrees East Two Miles & sixty Rods To a Beech Tree from thence North sixty degrees West forty six Rods to a Beech Tree from thence South thirty degrees West three Miles to a Rock-maple Tree from thence South sixty degrees East one Mile & one hundred and eighty Rods to the Bounds first mentioned. To HAVE & TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed to them the said Mark Hunking Wentworth Daniel Rogers Esquires and Jacob Treadwell to their Heirs & Assigns forever upon the following Terms conditions & reservations viz<sup>t</sup>

**FIRST** That the said Grantees shall cut, clear, bridge and make passable for Carriages &c a Road of four rods wide through the said Tract as shall be at any time hereafter directed or ordered by the Governor and Council aforesaid which Road shall be completed in one Year from the date of such order or direction of the \*Governor & Council aforesaid on penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant of its reverting to Us \*4-208 Our Heirs and Successors

**SECONDLY** That the said Grantees shall settle or cause to be settled nine Families in five Years from the date of this Grant in failure whereof the Premises to revert to Us our Heirs and Successors to be by Us or them entered upon and regranted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle & cultivate the same

**THIRDLY** That all white and other pine Trees fit for masting Our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that Use and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had & obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the right of such Grantee his Heirs & Assigns to Us Our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament

**FOURTHLY** Yielding & paying therefor to Us Our Heirs & Successors on or before the first day of March 1780 the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded

**FIFTHLY** That the said Grantees their Heirs and Assigns shall yield & pay unto us our Heirs & Successors yearly & every Year forever from and after the expiration of Ten Years from the date of this Grant One Shilling proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he so owns settles or possesses and so in proportion for

a greater or lesser Tract of the Land aforesaid which Money shall be paid by the respective Proprietor Owner or Settler in Our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same And these to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esq' our aforesaid Governor & Commander in chief the fourteenth day of March in the fourteenth Year of Our reign Annoque Domini 1774

J { P. S. } Wentworth

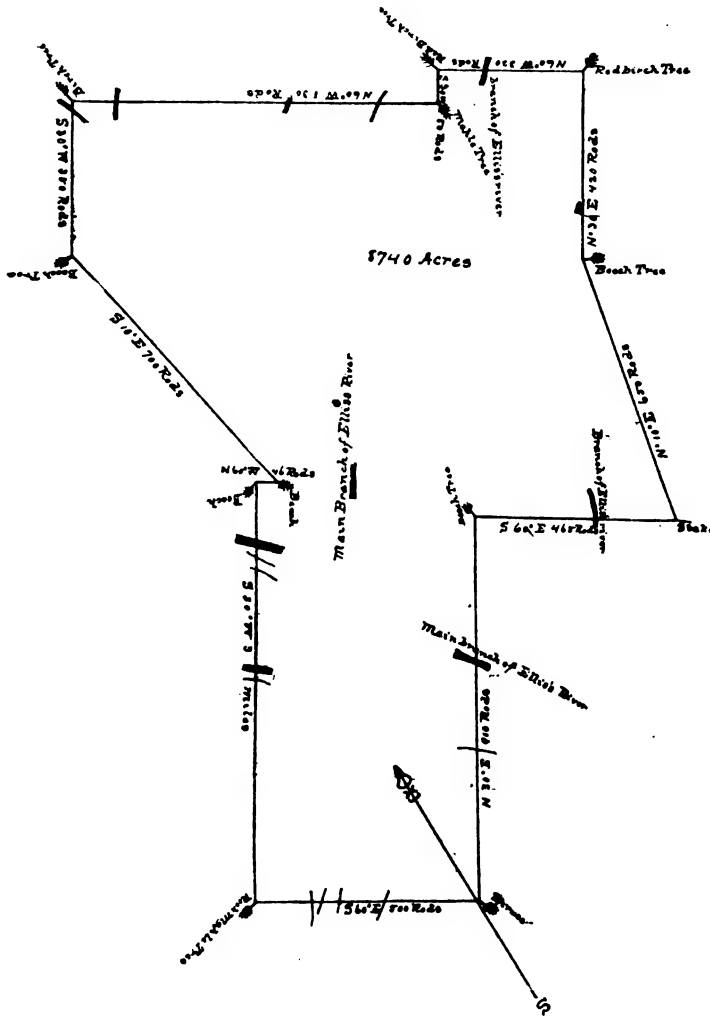
By his Excellency's command  
with advice of Council. The Words  
fully & forever being interlined previ-  
ous to signing & Sealing

Theodore Atkinson Secy

Province of New Hampshire Entered and recorded  
\*4-209 according \*to the original Charter under the Province Seal  
this fifth day of July A D 1774

Attest Geo : King D Secy





Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Portsmouth 10<sup>th</sup> March 1774  
 This certifies that this Plan \*begining at a Spruce Tree \*4-210  
 spotted and marked standing in the westerly bounds of a  
 Tract of Land laid out for Col<sup>o</sup> Richard Gridley and is Sixty

Rods from the Southwesterly Corner thereof—from thence runing North thirty degrees East Two Miles and two hundred and sixty Rods to a Beech Tree the Northwesterly Corner of the same from thence South sixty degrees East One Mile & one hundred and forty five Rods to a Stake in the Northerly side Line of said Gridley's Land from thence North ten degrees East two Miles and ten Rods to a Beech Tree from thence North thirty degrees East One Mile and One hundred Rods to a red Birch Tree from thence North Sixty degrees West One Mile to a red birch Tree from thence South thirty degrees West eighty Rods to a Maple Tree from thence North sixty degrees West Two Miles One hundred & ninety Rods to a Birch Tree from thence South thirty degrees West One Mile and thirty Rods to a Beech Tree from thence South ten degrees East two Miles sixty Rods to a Beech Tree from thence North sixty degrees West forty six Rods to a Beech Tree from thence South thirty degrees West three Miles to a Rock maple Tree from thence South sixty degrees East one Mile & one hundred & eighty rods to the Bounds first mentioned contains eight thousand seven hundred & forty Acres of Land and is a true Copy of an original Plan or Survey of said Tract as taken in October Anno Domini 1771 and returned to me by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Vere Royse & Hubartus Neal D<sup>y</sup> S<sup>rs</sup>

Attest Is: Rindge S<sup>r</sup> G<sup>l</sup>—

Copy examin'd by Geo: King D. Sec<sup>y</sup>

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[WENTWORTH, ROGERS, AND TREADWELL TO JOHN BROWN,  
1779.]

\*5-144 \*KNOW ALL MEN be these Presents That We Mark Hunking Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> Daniel Rogers Esq<sup>r</sup> Jacob Treadwell Marchant all of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham in the State New Hampshire for and in Consideration of the Sum of five Thousand two hundred, & forty four Pounds Lawfull Money to us in hand well, & truly paid by John Brown of providence in the State of Rhode-Island Esq the receipt whereof We do hereby acknowledge, & ourselves there With Satisfied contented and paid, have released, quitclaimed, and Confirmed & by these Presents do release, quitclaim, and confirm unto the said John Brown, and his Heirs & Assigns forever all our & each of our Right Title Interest Claim property Challenge and Demand, of

an & to the within mentioned Grant of Eight Thousand Seven hundred & forty Acres of Land be the Same more or less as will appear by the Survey's Admeasurement & plan thereof annex'd thereto, being Scituate lying & being in the State of New Hampshire aforesaid as it particularly set forth, butted, & bounded as in the within Grant full reference being had to the same, To HAVE and to HOLD the Same unto him the said John Brown Esq<sup>r</sup> & his Heirs & assigns forever together with all the Priviledges & Appurtenances thereunto belonging clear of all Governmental taxes or proprietary Taxes Costs & Expences for Surveys\* \*5-145 Roads or other Contingent Charges to this day to possess hold & enjoy the Same, in the same Manner, as We the said Mark Hunking Wentworth Daniel Rogers & Jacob Treadwell, have by Virtue of the within mentioned Grant, so that no Person claiming or holding by from or under Us or either of Us our or either of Heirs, Executors, Administrators or Asssigns shall ever hereafter have any Right Title Interest or Claim thereto under any Pretention, whatsoever: against all of whom we do hereby warrant & defend the same—And We Elizabeth the wife of said Mark & Mehetable the wife of the said Daniel and Ann the wife of the said Jacob for & in Consideration aforesaid do hereby relinquish all our Right of Dower & power of thirds in the within mentioned premises, In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hand & seal the 27 Day of April 1779—

Signed Sealed & delievered }	Mark H <sup>s</sup> Wentworth	s
In Presence of us— }	Daniel Rogers	s
the Words to this day }	Jacob Treadwell	s
being first interlined }	Eliz Wentworth	s
H: Wentworth	Mehetable Rogers	s
Th <sup>o</sup> Martin	Ann Treadwell	s

Rec<sup>d</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1780 <sup>¶</sup> E Thompson Sec<sup>y</sup> & recorded according to the Original Attest E Thompson Sy

State of New Hampshire } Portsmouth april 26<sup>th</sup> 1779  
 Rockingham ss— } Then mark Hunking Wentworth  
 Esq<sup>r</sup> Daniel Rogers Esq<sup>r</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Jacob Treadwell Elizabeth Wentworth  
 Mehitable Rogers & Ann Treadwell all appeared & acknowledged  
 the above Instrement by them Subscribed to be their Free act &  
 Deed Before H Wentworth Jus<sup>t</sup> Peace

## JAFFREY.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, Nov. 30, 1749, to Jonathan Hubbard and others, and variously known as *Monadnock No. 2*, *Middle Monadnock*, and *Middletown*. The grant was renewed March 13, 1767. Incorporated as Jaffrey Aug. 17, 1773, and named in honor of George Jaffrey.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 429; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 291; Index to Laws, 262; History, by D. B. Cutter, 1881, pp. 648; sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 220; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 204; Historical Address, by Joel Parker, 1873, centennial celebration; Universalism in America, by Richard Eddy, 1886, vol. 1, p. 171; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 272, 274.]

## [JAFFREY INCORPORATED, 1773.]

\*4-164 \*Province of } GEORGE the third by the grace of God of  
New Hampshire } Great Britain France and Ireland King  
} defender of the Faith &c<sup>a</sup>

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JAFFREY  
formerly  
Monadnoc N<sup>o</sup> 2

TO ALL PEOPLE to whom these Presents shall come greeting

WHEREAS our loyal Subjects Inhabitants of a Tract of Land within our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid commonly called and known by the Name of Monadnoc Number two containing by estimation about six Miles square have humbly petitioned and requested us that they may be erected and incorporated into a Township and enfranchised with the same Powers and Privileges which other

\*4-165 Towns within our said \*Province by Law have and enjoy and it appearing to us to be conducive to the general Good of our said Province as well as of the said Inhabitants in particular by maintaining good order and encouraging the culture of the Land that the same should be done KNOW YE that we of our special Grace certain Knowledge & for the encouragement and promotion of the good purposes and ends aforesaid by and with the advice of our trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province and of our Council of the same have erected and ordained & by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do will and ordain that the Inhabitants of the said Tract of Land and others who shall improve & inhabit thereon hereafter the same being butted and bounded as follows viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at the Southwest Corner of Peterborough Slip so

called from thence runing North eighty degrees West Seven Miles to a Hemloc Tree marked from thence runing North by the Needle five Miles to a Hemloc Tree marked from thence runing South eighty degrees East seven Miles to a Beech Tree marked in the west Line of Peterborough from thence South by the Needle to the first bounds mentioned be and they are hereby declared to be a Town corporate by the Name of—**JAFFREY**—to have continuance forever with all the Powers and Authorities Privileges immunities and Franchises which any other Towns in our said Province by Law hold and enjoy to the said Inhabitants or those who shall hereafter inhabit there and to their Successors forever Always reserving to us our Heirs and Successors All white pine Trees that are or shall be found being and growing within and upon the said Tract of Land fit for the use of our Royal Navy Preserving also to us our Heirs and Successors the Power of dividing said Town when it shall appear necessary and convenient \*for the Inhabitants thereof—**PROVIDED never-** \*4-166 theless and it is hereby declared that this Charter and Grant is not intended and shall not in any manner be construed to affect the private Property of the Soil within the Limits aforesaid And as the several Towns within our said Province are by the Laws thereof enabled and authorized to assemble and by the majority of the Voters present to chuse all Officers and transact such Affairs as in the said Laws are declared We do by these presents nominate and appoint Jonathan Stanley to call the first Meeting of the said Inhabitants to be held within the said Town at any time within sixty—days from the date hereof—giving legal notice of the time and design of holding such Meeting after which the annual meeting for said Town shall be held for the choice of said Officers & the Purposes aforesaid on the last Thursday in March—annually

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness our aforesaid Governor and Commander in chief the Seventeenth day of August in the thirteenth Year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1773

J Wentworth

By his Excellencys command  
with advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Recorded according to the original Charter under the Province Seal this 17<sup>th</sup> of August 1773

Attest<sup>r</sup> Geo : King Dep<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

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Twenty three Thousand and one hundred *Acres*, which Tract is to contain about Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Begining at A Pine Tree marked Standing on the Westerly Side of Israels River so called near the Second Crotch or Parting reckoning from the mouth of Said River where it Empties it Self into Connecticut River and from the Said Pine runs one Mile West to a Stake & Stones then turning off at Right Angles runs South Seven Miles to one other Stake & Stones then turning off again & runs East Five Miles & one half Mile to one other Stake & Stones and from thence North Seven Miles to one other Stake & Stones & from thence West to the Pine Tree the Bound began at—And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Dartmouth—And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the  
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and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be \*opened and kept one or \*3-139 more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantageous to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the 25th Day of Decemb<sup>r</sup> next which said Meeting shall be Notified by John Goffe Esq<sup>r</sup> who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privi-

leges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of One Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*. 1766

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the above-said twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1776 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this is to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said



Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the Third Day of October In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty five And in the fifth Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,  
with Advice of COUNCIL,

T: Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Octob<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1765

Recorded according to the original Patten under the Province Seal

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\*The Names of the Grantees of Dartmouth (Viz) \*3-140

John Goffe Esq	Cap <sup>t</sup> John Goffe	Samuel Wilkins
Samuel Moors	John Kidder	Solomon Hutchinson
William Holms	Alex <sup>r</sup> Walker Esq	Rich <sup>d</sup> Tolpy Esq
Mathew Little	James Patterson	Samuel Goffe
Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Couston	Adam Dickey Jun <sup>r</sup>	John Griffin
Cap <sup>t</sup> Nath <sup>l</sup> Martin	Nathaniel Pattinson	David Page
Mathew Pattin Esq	Daniel Martin	Jeremiah Alin
William Barnat	Cap <sup>t</sup> James Walker	Ameziah Polard
Robert Walker	John Shepard Jun <sup>r</sup> Esq	Stephen Powers
Francis Barnat	Joseph Moors	John Hale
Jon <sup>a</sup> Martin	Samuel Pattin	John Marsh
Forgus Kennedy	Noah Emery Esq	The Hon <sup>ble</sup> Theodore
Tho <sup>s</sup> Boise	Charles Emerson	Atkinson
Cap <sup>t</sup> John Moors	John Harvey	Daniel Warner
Silas Walker Maj <sup>r</sup>	Samuel Moor M <sup>k</sup>	Hunk <sup>s</sup> Wentworth
Andrew Bradford	Joshua Martin	Theod <sup>r</sup> Atkinson jun <sup>r</sup>
Cap <sup>t</sup> James Karr	W <sup>m</sup> McClinton	Nath <sup>l</sup> Barrell
John Bradford	Stephen Holland	Peter Levius &
Joseph Ardaway	Coll Jacob Bayley	John Rand—
John Bell	Cap <sup>t</sup> James Stoodley Esq	

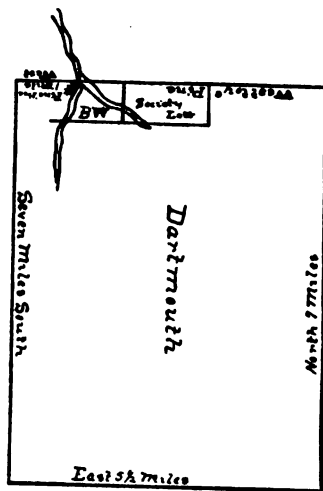
His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq a Tract of Land to contain Five Hundred Acres as marked B W in the Plan and also A Small Island Lying in the River opposite to the Said Five hundred Acres which are to be Accounted Two of the within Shares one whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Prop-

agation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts one whole Share for A Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established one Share for the first Settled minister of the Gospel & one Share for the Benefit of a School in Said Town forever—

Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> October 3<sup>d</sup> 1765

Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter for Dartmouth under the Province Seal

Ⓣ T Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>r</sup>—



Province of New Hampshire October 3<sup>d</sup> 1765

Copy of the Plan taken from the Back of the Charter of Dartmouth the 3<sup>d</sup> of October under the Province Seal

Att<sup>r</sup> T Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>r</sup>

[DARTMOUTH REGRANT, 1772.]

\*4-95 \*Province of New Hampshire.

GEORGE the THIRD by the grace of God of Great (Dartmouth.) Britain France and Ireland KING Defender of the Faith &c.

To ALL to whom these Presents shall Come, Greeting.

KNOW YE that we of our special Grace certain knowledge and mere Motion for the due Encouragement of settling a New Plantation within our said Province of New Hampshire by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our GOVERNOR and Commander in Chief in and over our said Province of New Hampshire in New England and of our Council of the said Province HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made given & granted and by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give and grant unto our loving Subjects Inhabitants of our said Province of New Hampshire and our other Dominions who have Petitioned us for the same, setting forth their Readiness to make immediate Settlement, and to their Heirs and Assigns for Ever whose Names are enter'd on this Grant to be divided to and amongst them into SEVENTY Equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land now commonly known by the Name of Dartmouth, situate, lying and being within our said Province of New Hampshire, being something more than Six Miles Square, containing by Admeasurement Twenty four thousand Five hundred and Eighty one Acres, out of which an Allowance is to be made for Highways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks Mountains and Waters One thousand & forty Acres free according to a Plan or Survey thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province by our <sup>s</sup>d Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office of our said Province, a Copy whereof is hereunto Annexed, butted and bounded as follows, Viz<sup>t</sup>. Beginning at a White Pine Tree (marked I. G. October 1765 &c.) standing on the Westerly side of Israel's River so called, nearly opposite the Second crotch from Connecticut River, and running West One Hundred & Sixty three Rods to Lancaster Easterly Line, thence South Sixty Nine degrees West One Hundred & Sixty Eight Rods by Lancaster, from thence South Six Miles and Two Hundred and Sixty Rods to a Rock Maple Tree (marked V. R. 1771.) then turning off and running East Five Miles and an half Mile, thence North Seven Miles, thence West Four Miles and one half Mile to the bound began at.—

\*TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as \*4-96 above expressed, together with all Priviledges and Appurtenances to them the said Grantees and to their respective Heirs and Assigns for Ever by the Name of DARTMOUTH, upon the following Conditions, Namely

**FIRST** That the said Grantees at their own Cost shall cut, clear, bridge and make passable for Carriages of all kinds a Road of Four Rods wide thro' the said Tract; and this to be completed in Two Years from the date of this Grant, in failure whereof the Premises and evry part thereof thall be forfeited & revert to us our Heirs & Successors to be regranted to any of our Loving Subjects.

**SECOND** That the said Grantees shall Settle or cause to be Settled Twenty Families by the first day of Decem<sup>r</sup> 1773, who shall be actually cultivating some part of the Land & resident thereon, & to continue making further & Additional Improvement Cultivation & Settlement of the Premises so that there shall be actually Settled & resident thereon Sixty Families by the first day of December 1777, on Penalty of the forfeiture of any and every Delinquents Share & of such Share or Shares reverting to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon & regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually Settle & cultivate the same.

**THIRD** That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use, and none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had & obtained, upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee his Heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties of any Act or Acts of Parliam<sup>t</sup> that now are or hereafter shall be Enacted.

**FOURTH** That before any division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees a Tract of land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of shall be reserved & marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

**FIFTH** Yielding and Paying therefor to us our Heirs and Successors on or before the first day of January 1775, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded.

\*4-97    **SIXTH** That every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant shall Yield and Pay unto us our Heirs and Successors Yearly and every Year for Ever from & after the expiration of Five Years from the abovesaid First day of January, namely on the First day of January, which will be in the Year of our Lord Christ 1780, ONE SHILLING Proclamation Money, for every hundred Acres he so owns Settles or possesses, and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Land aforesaid, which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid their [heirs] or Assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer

or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same : & these to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto Affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our aforesaid Governor & Commander in Chief the Twenty Sixth day of June in the Twelfth Year of our Reign and in the Year of our Lord Christ 1772.

By his Excellency's Command }  
with Advice of Council. }

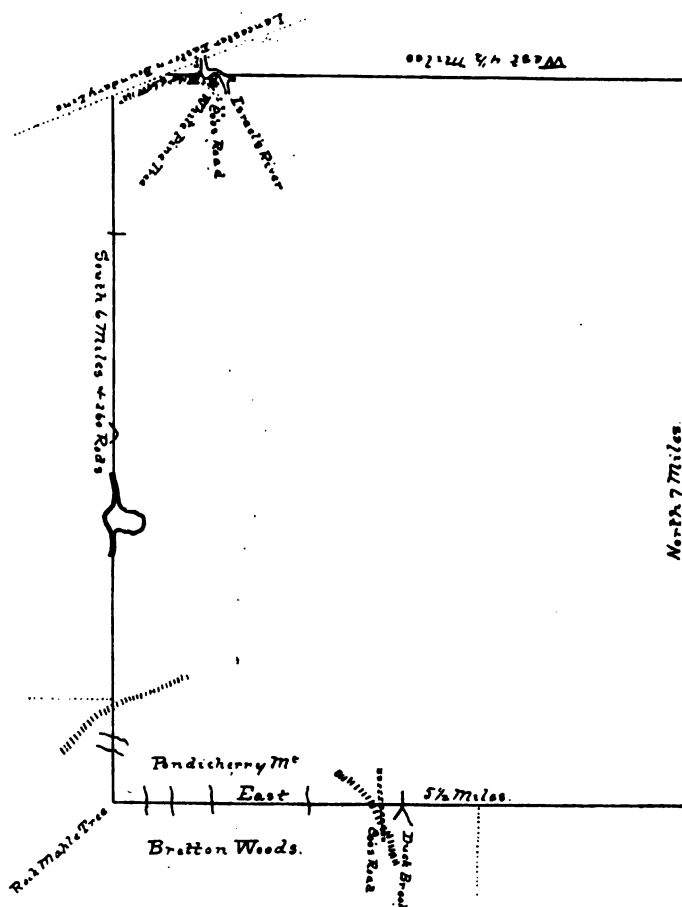
Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

The Names of the Grantees of the Township of Dartmouth, viz<sup>t</sup>  
The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq: Ephraim Baldwin John Thompson  
The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Mark Hunkyn Wentworth Esq: Benjamin Sumner  
Augustus Le'sage of London Jonas Butterfield Samuel Hale Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Captain Thomas Brown Samuel Smith Edmund Roberts  
Thomas McDonogh Esq<sup>r</sup> Elijah Houghton Thomas Ransom  
David Copps Sampson Willard John Peirce John Raynes  
The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Dan<sup>l</sup> Warner Esq<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Willard Rich<sup>d</sup> Wibird Pen-  
Mr William Reeve of Bristol Thomas Frink Joseph Peirce [hallow  
Col<sup>o</sup> Stephen Holland Esq: Joseph Hammond John Langdon  
Michael Lawrence Moses Wadkins Supply Clapp  
Nehemiah Houghton Henry Bond Robert Luist Fowle  
Abraham Scott Samuel Ashley Oliver Whipple  
Isaac Scott Edward Ainsworth Jon<sup>a</sup> Mitchell Sewall  
Josiah Willard John Church Samuel Parker  
Solomon Willard Stephen Belding Paul Langdon  
Josiah Willard Jun<sup>r</sup> John Hurd Esq<sup>r</sup> \*Joseph Ward \*4-98  
Prentice Willard John Parker Esq: Joseph Seaward  
Simon Davis Joshua Wentworth Rich<sup>d</sup> Cutts Shannon  
Reuben Alexander George Derbage Thomas Lewis  
Paul Richardson Thomas Achincloss Joseph Bass  
Ichabod Fisher Daniel Fowle George Craigie  
Isaac Temple Elias Warner George Libbey  
Isaac Butterfield Jacob Sheaffe Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Joseph Lord Temple Knight

J<sup>r</sup> { L. s. } Wentworth.

Recorded according to the Original Charter of Dartmouth under the Province Seal, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 1772.

Attest<sup>r</sup>: Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>



Province of New Hampshire, Portsm<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> June 1772.

These Certify that this Plan of \_\_\_\_\_ beginning at a white Pine Tree marked I. G. October 1765, &c. standing on the Westerly side of Israel's River, (so calld) & nearly opposite the 2<sup>d</sup> crotch from Connecticut River from thence running W. 163 Rods to the East<sup>y</sup> line of Lancaster, thence S. 69° W. 168 Rods, from thence S. 6 Miles & 260 Rods to a Rock Maple Tree, from thence East 5½ Miles to a Stake, from thence N. 7 Miles to a Stake, from thence W. 4½ M<sup>s</sup> to the bound began at. Contains 24581 Acres of Land. N. B. The Bounds represented by the black

Lines of s<sup>d</sup> Plan were actually Survey'd & mark'd out & returned to me by M<sup>r</sup> Vere Royse D<sup>r</sup> Surv<sup>r</sup> & the bounds represented by the dotted lines are known by Calculation.--

Attest : Is : Rindge S<sup>r</sup> G<sup>r</sup>

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KEENE.

[Granted by Massachusetts as *Upper Ashuelot* April 20, 1733. Incorporated as Keene April 11, 1753, and named in honor of Sir Benjamin Keene. The north-east corner was included in the limits of Sullivan, incorporated Sept. 27, 1787. Another portion, with parts of Nelson and Marlborough, went to make up the town of Roxbury, Dec. 9, 1812. A part of Swanzey was annexed Dec. 10, 1812. An act was passed July 1, 1868, by which the town of Roxbury was to be annexed to Keene whenever the provisions of the act were adopted by a majority of voters in both towns, but this has not yet been done. A city charter was granted July 1, 1865, but was not adopted till July 3, 1873.]

See Massachusetts charters preceding; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 394, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 306; Index to Laws, 268; Annals of the Town, from 1734 to 1790, by Salma Hale, 2, Collections of the N. H. Historical Society, 71; same, with corrections, additions, and a continuation from 1790 to 1815, pub. 1851, pp. 120; sketch, by J. N. McClintock, 3, Granite Monthly, 548, and 4, *id.*, 499; sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 24; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 223; Historical Address, by W. O. White, 1876, pp. 34; Historical Sermon, by C. B. Elder, in *N. H. Sentinel*, Jan. 31, 1894; Half Century Sermon, by J. S. Barstow, 1868, pub. 1873; Baptist Church, by W. H. Eaton; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 16; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 275.]

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[KEENE CHARTER, 1753.]

\*Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>

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George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c<sup>a</sup>

To all Persons to whom these Presents Shall come Greeting

Keene

Whereas Sundry of our Loveing Subjects before the Settlement of the Dividing Line of our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid and our Other Government of the Massachusetts Bay had by Permission of our Said Government of the Massachusetts Bay begun A Settlement of A Tract of Land on Ashuelot River so Called and made Sundry Divisions of & Improve-

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ince by Law Exercise & Enjoy and further that the Said Town as Soon as there Shall be fifty families Shall have the Liberty to open & keep A Market one or more Days in Each week as may be tho' most Advantagious to the Inhabitants also that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town officers & other affairs Agreeable to the Laws of our Said Province Shall be held on the first Wednesday in May next which Meeting Shall be Notified by M<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Bellows who is hereby Also Appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting which he is to Notify & Govern Agreeable to the Law & Custom of our Said Province And that the Annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of Such officers for the Said Town Shall be on the first Tuesday in March annually—To HAVE & TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above Expressed together with all Previlidges and Appurtenances to them or their respective heirs and assigns forever upon the following Conditions (Viz) that every Grantee his heirs & assigns Shall Plant or Cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five years for every fifty Acres Contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in the Said Township & Continue to Improve & Settle the same by Additional \*Cultivations on Penalty of \*1-151 the forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township and its reverting to his Majesty his heirs and Successors to be by him or them regranted to Such of his Subjects as shall Effectually Settle & Cultivate the Same—That all white & other Pine Trees within the Said Township fit for masting our Royal Navy be Carefully Preserved for that use & none to be Cutt or fell'd without his Majesties Especial Lycence for so Doing first had & obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the right of Such Grantee his heirs or assigns to us our heirs and Successors as well as being Subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are or hereafter Shall be Enacted

That before any further Division of the Said Land be made to and amongst the grantees A Tract of Land in the most Comodious Place the Land will admit of Shall be reserved & marked out for Town Lotts one of which shall be allotted to Each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre Yeilding & Paying therefor to us our heirs & Successors for the Space of Ten years to be Computed from the Date hereof the rent of One Ear of Indian Corn only on the first day of January next Ensueing the Date hereof—And every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant Shall Yield & Pay unto us our heirs & Successors Yearly & Every Year for ever from & after the Expiration of the Ten years from the Date hereof

Namely on the first Day of Jan<sup>ry</sup> which will be in the Year of our Lord Christ One thousand seven hundred & Sixty three One Shilling Proclamation money for every hundred Acres he so owns Settles or Possesses and so in Proportion for a Greater or Lesser Tract of the Said Land which money shall be paid by the Respective Persons abovesaid their heirs or assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such officer or officers as Shall be appointed to receive the Same and this to be in Lieu of all other rents & services whatsoever In Wittness whereof We have Caused the Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness BENNING WENTWORTH Esq our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff of our Said Province the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of April in the year of our Lord Christ 1753 & in the 26<sup>th</sup> year of our reign—

B Wentworth

By his Excellencys Com'and with Advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Entred & recorded According to the Original under the Province Seal the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1753—

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

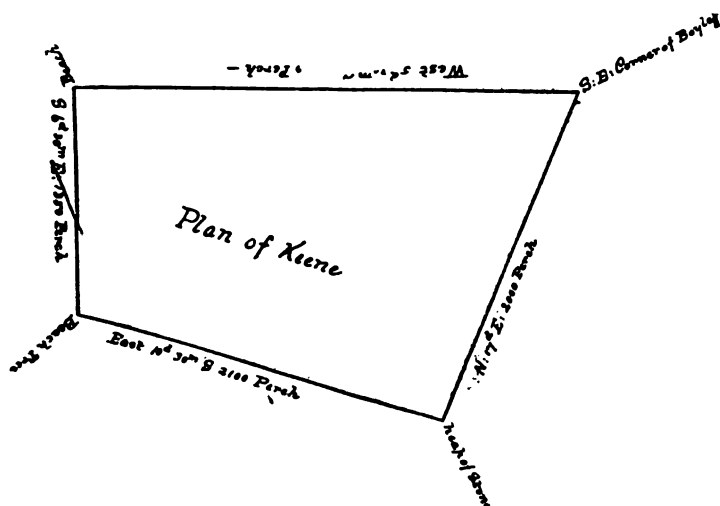
\*1-152      \*The Names of the Grantees of Keene—Viz—

John Adams,	Jacob Bacon,	Thomas Bacon,
Stephen Blake,	Nathan Blake,	Obediah Blake,
Elijah Blake	Sam <sup>l</sup> Brigham	Nathan Bucknam,
John Ballard's heirs,	Isaac Clark,	Ebenezer Daniels,
Edward Dale,	Eph <sup>m</sup> Dorman,	Sam <sup>l</sup> Ellis,
Joseph Ellis,	Gideon Ellis,	Titus Belden,
Eleazer Sanger,	Benj <sup>a</sup> Bellows,	Joseph Fisher
Samuel Fisher,	Benj <sup>a</sup> Gile,	Ebenezer Forces's heirs,
Jacob Gibbs,	Sarah Green,	Joseph Gile's heirs,
Jeremiah Hall,	Benjamin Halls' heirs,	Daniel Hawse,
Nathaniel Heaton,	Seth Heaton	Jabez Hill,
Daniel Kingsbury,	Richard Man,	Henry Messenger's heirs,
John Fairbanks,	Michael Medcalf jun <sup>r</sup> ,	Ebenezer Nims,
Joseph Peabodys heirs,	David Nims,	Samuel Read,
Israel Houghton,	Timothy Puffer,	John Richardson,
Josiah Willard,	Moses Richardson	Asa Richardson,
John Rogers,	Will <sup>m</sup> Smeed,	Samuel Smith,
Benj <sup>a</sup> Twitchell,	Jon <sup>a</sup> Underwood,	Andrew Wilder,
Joseph Whitcome,	John Whiteing,	Amos Foster,
David Foster,	Jeremiah Hall jun <sup>r</sup> ,	Jonah French,

John French, Philemon Chandler junr, His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq one Tract of Land of the Contents of five hundred Acres One Sixty forth Parte of the Said Tract for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts, One Sixty forth Parte of the Said Tract for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel in S<sup>a</sup> Town One Sixty forth Parte of the said Tract for A Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established Philemon Chandler, Ebenezer Day,—

Recorded from the Back of the Charter for Keene the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1753—

⌘ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>



Taken from the Plan on the back of the Charter of Keene & record the 11<sup>th</sup> April 1753

⌘ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

## KENSINGTON.

[Set off from Hampton Falls and incorporated April 1, 1737. Named from an English town. A mistake in the description of the bounds in the act of incorporation was rectified Aug. 26, 1737.

See papers under title Hampton and Hampton Falls; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 455; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 324; Index to Laws, 271; sketch, by G. Osgood, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 352; Bill of Mortality, by Jabez Dow, 1802, pp. 15; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 81.]

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eight rods to a Hemloc Tree the Corner of Durand, then by said Durand Line North eight degrees East six Miles to a Birch Tree the Corner of Mayneborough then North thirty degrees East by said Mayneborough & Paulborough Lines eight Miles to a Beech Tree marked as aforesaid then South seventy one degrees West Seven Miles two hundred sixty eight Rods to a red Birch Tree in Lancaster Line then South fifty degrees East about Seven hundred & forty Rods to a Beech Tree the South East Corner thereof then on the same Course ten Rods to a Beech Tree the Corner of Capt Joshua Barker's Location marked as aforesaid, then South five degrees West Six hundred & twenty Rods rods to the Maple Tree at the Corner of Dartmouth first mentioned TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed together with all Privileges & Appurtenances to them and to their respective Heirs and Assigns forever by the Name of KILLKENNY upon the following conditions viz<sup>t</sup>

FIRST That the Grantees at their own Cost shall cut clear bridge and make passable for Carriages of all kinds a Road of four rods wide through the said Tract hereby granted as shall be at any time hereafter directed by Our said Governor and Council which Road \*shall be completed in one Year from the \*4-212 date of such direction in failure of which the Premises & every part thereof shall be forfeited and revert to Us Our Heirs and Successors to be by Us or them reentered upon & regranted to any of Our loving Subjects

SECONDLY That all white pine and other pine Trees within the said Township fit for masting Our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that Use and none to be cut or felled without our special licence for so doing first had & obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the right of the Grantee his Heirs and Assigns to Us Our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties of any Act or Acts of Parliament that are or hereafter shall be enacted

THIRDLY That before any division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees a Tract of Land as near the Center of the said Township as the Land will admit of shall be reserved & marked out for Town Lots One of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre

FOURTHLY Yielding & paying therefor to Us Our Heirs & Successors on or before the first day of June 1778 the Rent of One Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded

FIFTHLY That every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant shall

yield & pay unto Us Our Heirs and Successors yearly & every Year forever from and after the expiration of Ten Years from the date of this Grant One Shilling proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he so owns settles or possesses & so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons aboves<sup>d</sup> their Heirs or Assigns in Our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same

SIXTHLY That any part of the Premises appearing well adapted to the growth of Hemp and Flax or either of them shall be cultivated with those useful Articles of produce in the proportion of Ten Acres in each and every hundred of these granted Premises within Ten years of this date

SEVENTHLY That six Families shall be settled & actually resident in the Town within three Years of this date

EIGHTHLY That additional settlements be made so as to compleat sixty Families in Seven Years from this date

NINTHLY That this Grant shall not interfere with any of Our Grants formerly made & now in force nor interrupt the  
\*4-213 Grantees \*in their Improvements making thereon agreeable to the Conditions thereof—These to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> Our Governor and Commander in chief aforesaid the fourth day of June in the fourteenth Year of our reign and in the Year of our Lord Christ 1774

By His Excellency's command  
with advice of Council—

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>r</sup>

#### The Names of the Grantees of Kilkenny

The Hon <sup>ble</sup> Jonathan Warner Esq <sup>r</sup>	John Giddinge Esq <sup>r</sup>	William Torrey Esq <sup>r</sup>
John Wendell Esq <sup>r</sup>	Woodbridge Odlin	Cap <sup>t</sup> Isaac Rindge
George King Esq <sup>r</sup>	Daniel Tilton	George King Mariner
Paul Langdon Gent <sup>a</sup>	John Giddinge jun <sup>r</sup>	John Rindge Merchant
Edward Sherburne Merchant	Dudley Odlin	Joseph Seward Merchant
Temple Knight Merchant	Michael Reade	John Briard Mariner
George Libbey Merchant	Thomas Hunscombe	John Wall
John Dennet, Blockmaker	Samuel Stackpole	Thomas Chadbourne
Roger Hayes Yeoman	Thomas Horn	Humphrey Firnald
Shadrach Hodsdon jun <sup>r</sup>	Samuel Mills	Henry Sherburne Blacksmith

John Penhallow	Elias Elwell Warner	Thomas Martin Esq <sup>r</sup>
Samuel Penhallow <sup>r</sup>	Benning Wentworth	John Peirce Merchant
Thomas Peirce	John Sherburne Esq <sup>r</sup>	Joseph Peirce Merchant
John Packer Esq <sup>r</sup>	Samuel Macclintock	David Call
Daniel Lunt	Supply Clap	Richard Shearman
William Welsh, Chaisemaker	Daniel Fowle	The Hon <sup>ble</sup> Paul Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>
William Stanwood, Perukemaker	James Playters	King John Cochran Esq <sup>r</sup>
John Sherburne, Chaisemaker	Jeremiah Libbey	James Bigby
Richard Trewsdell, Butcher	Isaac Smith	Husbandman James Monk Esq <sup>r</sup>
Joseph Walton, Cooper	Thomas Scammel Esq <sup>r</sup>	John Pingry Williams

J: { P. S. } Wentworth

Recorded according to the original Charter under the Province  
Seal this fourth day of June A D 1774

Attest<sup>r</sup> Geo : King D Sec<sup>r</sup>





Province of New Hampshire Portsmouth 30<sup>th</sup> April 1774  
 This certifys that \*this Plan of Kilkenny beginning at a \*4-215  
 Maple Tree the Northeast Corner of Dartmouth and runs  
 South eight Miles & eighty Rods to a Birch Tree marked C I-N  
 1773 then runs East two hundred & forty eight Rods to a Hemloc  
 Tree the Corner of Durand then by said Durand Line North  
 eight degrees East Six Miles to a Birch Tree the Corner of  
 Maynebourgh then North thirty degrees East by said Mayne-  
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 Course ten Rods to a Beech Tree the Corner of Cap<sup>t</sup> Joshua  
 Barker's Location marked as aforesaid then South five degrees  
 West Six hundred & twenty Rods to the Maple Tree the Corner  
 of Dartmouth first mentioned contains twenty six thousand nine  
 hundred & eleven Acres and is a true Copy of an original Plan or  
 Survey of said Tract or Township as taken and returned to me by  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> Hubartus Neal Dep<sup>y</sup> Surveyor

Attest Is : Rindge S : G<sup>t</sup>

Copy examin'd by Geo : King Dep<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

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## KINGSTON.

[Granted as *King's-town* Aug. 6, 1694, to James Prescott and others, and was so called until about 1800 when the present spelling came into general use. East Kingston was set off and incorporated as Kingston East Parish Nov. 17, 1738. The boundaries with East Kingston were established Aug. 7, 1740, and June 16, 1798. Sandown was set off and incorporated April 6, 1756. Danville was set off and incorporated as Hawke Feb. 22, 1760. A small piece of Kingston territory was annexed to Plaistow, June 28, 1831.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 431; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 330; Index to Laws, 272; sketch by J. Chapman, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 366; Mortality in, 1725-1832, by Ora Pearson, 5, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 250; Historical Address, 150th Anniversary of the Congregational Church, by J. H. Mellish, 1875, pp. 40; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 82; The Bartlett Mansion, by F. M. Colby, 6, *Granite Monthly*, 261; Biographical Notices of Physicians, 1, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 95; Inscriptions Copied from Burying Ground, 10, *id.*, 55.]

## [KINGSTOWN CHARTER, 1694.]

\*I-16 \*Kingstown } WILLIAM & MARY By the Grace of God  
 Charter } of England Scotland France & Ireland King  
 { P-S } & Queen Defender of the faith &c<sup>a</sup> To all People  
 to whom these Presents Shall come Greeting KNOW  
 YE That We of our Special Grace Certain knowl-  
 edge & mere motion for the Due Encouragement of  
 Settling a New Plantation by & with the Advise & Consent of our  
 Council Have given & granted & by these Presents as far as in us  
 lyes do give & Grant unto our beloved Subjects James Prescott  
 Sen<sup>r</sup> Isaac Godfrey Thomas Philbrook Jun<sup>r</sup> Gersham Elkins Sam-  
 uel Collcot Thomas Webster Samuel Derbon William Godfrey  
 Jacob Garland John Mason Ebenezer Webster Nath<sup>l</sup> Sandburn  
 Benj<sup>a</sup> Sandburn John Moulton Daniel Moulton and frances Toale  
 & Several others of their Majestys Loveing Subjects that Inhabit  
 or Shall Inhabit within the Said Grant within our Prov-  
 ince of New \*Hampshire all that Tract of Land to begin  
 \*I-17 Seven Miles Westward of the meeting House now Stand-  
 ing in Hampton from thence to run A Due Course West & B:  
 North Ten Miles into the Country for its Breadth four miles No-  
 therly from the head Point of the West Line from the S<sup>d</sup> Meeting  
 House & Southerly within three Miles of the Nothermost Side of  
 Merrimack River and that the Same be A Town Corporate by  
 the name of Kingstown to the Persons above named or other of  
 their majestys Subjects that do & Shall Inhabit Forever And we  
 do by these Presents give & Grant unto the s<sup>d</sup> men & Inhabitants  
 of our S<sup>d</sup> Town of Kingstown and to Such Others that Shall here-  
 after inhabit all & Every the Streets & Lanes & high ways within  
 the s<sup>d</sup> Town for the Publick use & Service of the men & Inhab-  
 itants thereof & Travellers there together with full Power  
 Lycence & Authority to the Said men & Inhabitants & Such as  
 Shall Inhabit within the S<sup>d</sup> Town FOREVER to Establish Appoint  
 Order & Direct the Establishing makeing Laying out ordering  
 Amending & Repairing of all Streets Lanes High ways ferry  
 Places & bridges in & thrô out the S<sup>d</sup> Town necessary needfull &  
 Convenient for the men & Inhabitants of the S<sup>d</sup> Town and for all  
 Travellers & Passengers there PROVIDED always that our s<sup>d</sup>  
 Lycence So as above granted for the Establishing makeing &  
 Laying out of Such Lanes Highways Fences Places & Bridges  
 be not Extended nor Construed to Extend to the takeing away of

Any Person or Persons Right or Property with out his her or their Consent or by Some Law of our s<sup>d</sup> Province, To HAVE & TO HOLD & Enjoy all & singular the Premisses as afores<sup>d</sup> to the S<sup>d</sup> men & Inhabitants or those that Shall Inhabit the S<sup>d</sup> Town of Kingstown and their Successors for ever rendring & paying therefor to us our heirs & Successors or to Such other officer or officers as Shall be Appointed to receive the Same yearly the annual Quit rent or Acknowledgm<sup>t</sup> \*of one Peppercorn \*1-18 in the S<sup>d</sup> Town on the five & Twentieth of October yearly forever & for the better order rule & Government of the S<sup>d</sup> Town We Do by these Presents Grant for us our heirs & Successors unto the S<sup>d</sup> men & Inhabitants or those that Shall Inhabit the s<sup>d</sup> Town That Yearly & every year upon the first Tuesday in March for ever they the S<sup>d</sup> men & Inhabitants and Such as Shall Inhabit the S<sup>d</sup> Town Shall Ellect & Chuse by the Major part of them Two Sufficient & Able men householders of S<sup>d</sup> Town to be Constables for the year Ensueing which s<sup>d</sup> men So Chosen & Ellected Shall be Presented to the next Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held for the s<sup>d</sup> Province there to take the Accustomed Oaths Appointed by Law for the Execution of their offices under Such Penalties as the Law in our S<sup>d</sup> Province Shall Direct upon refusal or neglect therein And we Do by these Presents Grant for us our heirs & Successors unto the s<sup>d</sup> Persons & Inhabitants And Such as Shall Inhabit in S<sup>d</sup> Town that Yearly & every year upon the first Tuesday In March forever they the s<sup>d</sup> men & Inhabitants or the Maj<sup>r</sup> Part of them Shall Ellect & Chuse three Inhabitants & Householders within our S<sup>d</sup> Town to be overseers of the Poor & highways or Select men for our s<sup>d</sup> Town for the year Ensueing with Such Powers Previlidges & Authoritys as any overseers or Select men within our s<sup>d</sup> Province HAVE & ENJOY or Ought to have & Enjoy In Testimony whereof we have Caused the Seal of our S<sup>d</sup> Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness John Usher Esq our Lieutenant Governour & Coma'nder in Chieff of our S<sup>d</sup> Province at our Town of New Castle the Sixth Day of August in the Sixth year of our reigne Annoq Domini 1694

John Usher L<sup>t</sup> Governour

William Redford Dep<sup>t</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Prov: Seal

Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>



## KINGSWOOD.

[KINGSWOOD CHARTER, 1737.]

[Farmer's Mss. Town Papers, Vol. 4, p. 73.]

{ Prov<sup>o</sup> } Province of New Hampshire  
 { Seal }

George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c—

To all People to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting, Know ye that we of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and meer motion for the due Encouragement of Setling a new Plantation for the Encrease of Naval Stores and for the better Defence of our said Province of New Hampshire by and with the advice of our Council for the Said Province of New Hampshire have given & granted and by these Presents as far as in us lies do give and grant unto Sundry of our beloved Subjects whose Names are enterd in a Schedule hereunto annexed and to their Associates in all to make up the Number of Sixty and to their Heirs forever in the manner hereafter Expressed a certain tract of land lying and being within our said Province of New Hampshire bounded as followeth viz<sup>t</sup> Begining at the South Easterly Corner of Barnstead and from thence to run upon the Same Course as Barnstead Easterly Side line runs to Winnipisioky Pond from thence upon a Right Angle till it comes to the Boundary line between our Said Province of New Hampshire and that which was formerly called the Province of Main from thence as the said Boundary line runneth to the North Easterly Corner of the Town of Rochester from thence by Rochester and Barrington head lines to the bounds first mentioned and that the same be a Town Corporate by the Name of Kingswood to the Persons in Said Schedule mentiond and their associates as aforesaid and their Heirs forever, To Have And To Hold the said Tract of land unto the Persons in said Schedule mentioned and their associates as aforesaid and their Heirs for ever, on the following Conditions viz<sup>t</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> That Each Proprietor build a dwelling house within the said Town and settle a family therein within the space of Five years from the date hereof unless there should be a War and then the Space of five years from the End of Said Warr to be allowd for the same

2<sup>dly</sup> That a meeting house be built at the Charge of the Proprietors within the said Town within the space of Five years and an orthodox minister settled in said Town within seven years from the date hereof unless there should be a Warr and then the Term of Five years from the End of said Warr to be allowd for the same.

3<sup>dly</sup> If any particular proprietor or proprietors should not Comply with the Terms of this Charter within the time limited as aforesaid such delinquent Proprietor or Proprietors shall forfeit his or their respective Interest Right or share in the said Town unto the rest of the Proprietors, provided the rest of the Proprietors do and perform within Two years after the time limited as aboves<sup>d</sup> shall be expired, what should have been done and performed by such delinquent Proprietor or Proprietors Any thing in this Charter contained to the Contrary thereof notwithstanding Provided nevertheless that there be three hundred acres of land reserved in said Town for the first ordained minister in fee that shall be Settled in said Town by vote of the said Proprietors and three hundred acres be reserved for the Second ordaind minister in fee that shall be settled as aforesaid and six hundred acres for a Parsonage or Parsonages for ever and three hundred acres for the use of a School or Schools in said Town for ever all to be laid out for the uses aforesaid, and the nine hundred acres last mentioned to be applyed for the uses aforesaid by the Proprietors or Major Part thereof. The Proprietors of said Tract of land Rendering and paying there for to us our Heirs and successors or such officer as shall be appointed to Receive the same the annual Quit Rent or acknowledgment of Ten Pounds of Hemp upon the last day of october yearly and every year if lawfully demanded in said Town Reserving also unto us our Heirs and successors all Mast Trees growing on said Tract of land. And for the better order and Government of the said Town We do by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors Grant unto the said Town yearly & every year to hold Town meetings and to transact all their Town Affairs as fully and amply to all Intents and purposes as any Town in this our Province of New Hampshire doth or ought to do according to Law ; And to the said Proprietors to hold Proprietors Meetings distinct & Seperate from Town meetings in Any Town in our Province of New Hampshire and to Choose such officers as they shall think necessary. The first of which Proprietary meetings Shall be called by the Three Persons first mentiond in the Schedule hereunto annexed by a Notification in writing by them Signed and affixed to some publick place in

the Town of Portsmouth in said Province seven days at least before the holding of such meeting and Afterwards the said Proprietors meetings shall be called by such persons of said Proprietors and in Such manner as shall be agreed upon by Said Proprietors or the Major Part of them at any Proprietors meeting And it is hereby further provided that whensoever any sum or sums of money shall be voted to be raised by the major Part of the Proprietors at any of their meetings for the use of the said Proprietors and any Proprietor or Proprietors shall neglect to pay the proportionable part of the same to the Person or Persons who shall be appointed to Collect and Receive the same for the space of Two months after it ought to be paid according to the Vote for raising it, The said Person or Persons shall be and hereby are empowered to make Sale of so much land of any Delinquent Proprietor or Proprietors that shall be in Severalty at Such time as shall amount to five times the Value of the sum or sums assessed on such delinquent Proprietor or Proprietors, The same to be sold at a publick Vendue by such Person or Persons as shall be appointed to Collect and receive the Same, after fifteen days publick notice thereof given in the Town where the Majority of the Proprietors shall then live and then deducting the Charges that shall then have accrued upon such sale the Remainder shall be deposited in the Common proprietors Stock, and we do further by these Presents for us our Heirs and successors Give and Grant unto the said Town to Have Hold and enjoy Two fairs in said Town yearly and every year for ever not Exceeding Three days each the one to begin on the third Wednesday in May and the other on the third Wednesday in September and so de anno in annum for ever. In Testimony whereof we have Caused the Publick Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed, Witness Jonathan Belcher Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor and Commander in Chief in and over our said Province of New Hampshire the twentieth day of october in the Eleventh year of our Reign Annoque Domini one Thousand seven hundred and thirty Seven.

J Belcher

By His Excellencys Com<sup>and</sup>  
with the advice of the Council  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Waldron Sec<sup>ry</sup>

A true Copy from the Original Charter compared and transcribed by

Matthew Livermore  
Proprietors Clerk

A Schedule of the Persons names to whom the within Charter is granted viz<sup>t</sup>

Eleaz <sup>r</sup> Russell	W <sup>m</sup> Frost
Nath <sup>l</sup> Rogers	Benj <sup>a</sup> Miller
Matthew Livermore	Dan <sup>l</sup> Molton
Tho <sup>s</sup> Peirce	Benj <sup>a</sup> Gambling
W <sup>m</sup> Parker	Jn <sup>o</sup> Pray
Benj <sup>a</sup> Walton	Solomon Pike
Sam <sup>l</sup> Hart	Mich <sup>l</sup> Whidden
Jos : Molton	Jn <sup>o</sup> Fellows
Jn <sup>o</sup> Cut	Tho <sup>s</sup> Westbrook
Tho <sup>s</sup> Wright	Dan <sup>l</sup> Rogers
Jn <sup>o</sup> Ayers	Sam <sup>l</sup> Sherburn Innhold <sup>r</sup>
Solomon Cotton	Elliot Vaughn
Dan <sup>l</sup> Jackson Jun <sup>r</sup>	Peter Greley
Sam <sup>l</sup> Sherburn Merch <sup>t</sup>	Ichabod Plaisted
Henry Sherburn Jun <sup>r</sup> Ditto	Tho <sup>s</sup> Newmarch
W <sup>m</sup> King	Jn <sup>o</sup> Kennard
Jn <sup>o</sup> Sherburn of little Harbour	Henry Sherburn Jun <sup>r</sup>
Jos. Sherburn, Son to Jos. Sherburn Esq	of the plains
Nath <sup>l</sup> Mendum	John Dennet son of
Geo Rogers	Eph <sup>m</sup> Dennet Esq <sup>r</sup>
Jos. Whipple	Moses Dennet
Jn <sup>o</sup> Ross	Jos : Langdon
Charles Frost N. Castle	Sam <sup>l</sup> White
Jn <sup>o</sup> Shackford, Jun <sup>r</sup>	Geo. Peirce
Jn <sup>o</sup> Wood	Joseph Jackson
	Moses Noble

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Proprietors Clerk

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### LACONIA.

[Set off from Meredith and incorporated July 14, 1855. A portion of Gilford was annexed July 2, 1874, and a portion of Laconia was annexed to Gilford July 13, 1876. A further addition from Gilford was made March 24, 1893, and by the same act Laconia was incorporated as a city.

See papers under title Meredith; Index to Laws, 273; Account of Inscription on Endicott Rock, 4, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 194; The Northern Boundary of Mass. and Its Relations to N. H., by Samuel A. Green, 1890, pp.



23; sketch, Hurd's History of Belknap County, 1885, p. 808; sketch, by J. N. McClintock, 3, *Granite Monthly*, 95; Report of Committee on Endicott Rock, 1893; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 498; Central New Hampshire, by G. F. Bacon, 1890, pp. 66, 90; The City on the Lakes, by Geo. H. Moses, XVII, *Granite Monthly*, p. 62.]

## LANCASTER.

[Formerly known as *Upper Coös*. Granted July 5, 1763, to David Page and others, and incorporated as Lancaster. Named from Lancaster, Mass. The charter was renewed September 20, 1769. Barker's Location was annexed June 22, 1819. A portion of Stark was annexed December 4, 1840, and a portion of Kilkenny December 15, 1842.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 463; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 398, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 351; Index to Laws, 275; sketch, Fergusson's History of Coös County, 1888, p. 261; Lancaster Sketch Book, by Persis F. Chase, 1887, pp. 114; History, by J. W. Weeks, H. O. Kent, and C. B. Jordan, in preparation; Centennial Celebration, 1864; Notes on, by C. Lowell, 13, Collections of Massachusetts Historical Society, 97; Biography of Richard C. Everett, by C. B. Jordan, 1, Proceedings of Grafton and Coös Bar Association, p. 437; same in pamphlet, 1888, pp. 32; An Old Sketch of, by J. W. Weeks, 2, *Granite Monthly*, 245; Historical Sketch, by J. S. Brackett, 9, *id.*, 351; same, pamphlet, pp. 26; Stevens's Memorials of Methodism, 1848, p. 462; *id.* 2d series, 1852, p. 287; Lawrence's New Hampshire Churches, 1856, p. 607; Baptist Churches in New Hampshire, by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 15; Address of Henry O. Kent, Dedication of Masonic Temple, 1889, pp. 46; The White Hills, by T. Starr King, 1859, Connecticut Valley, p. 373; History of the Coös Country, by Grant Powers, 1841; Northern New Hampshire, by G. F. Bacon, 1890, p. 50; Coös Country, by L. W. Dodge, 7, *Granite Monthly*, 181; Coös Country, by W. A. Fergusson, 11, *id.*, 268; A Prentice Boy's Choice: a Sketch of Lancaster, by George H. Moses, 16, *Granite Monthly*, 329; Historical Sketch of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Lancaster, by J. A. Bowler, pamphlet; Centennial of the Congregational Church, 1894.]

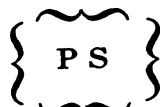
### [LANCASTER CHARTER, 1763.]

\*Province of New-Hampshire.

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Lancaster

GEORGE, THE THIRD



By the Grace of GOD, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.*

KNOW ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of



our said Province, shall be held on the first Tuesday in August next which said Meeting shall be Notified by David Page who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or Them Re-granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*. 1763

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1773 *One*

*shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this is to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the Fifth Day of July In the Year of our Lord Christ, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty three And in the Third Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth—

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,  
With Advice of COUNCIL,

T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Province of New Hamps<sup>r</sup> July 6 1763

Recorded according to the original under the Provinc Seal

Ⓢ T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

\*2-486      \*The Names of the Grantees Lancaster.—

David Page	Israel Hale	John Sawyer
David Page Jun <sup>r</sup>	Israel Hale Jun <sup>r</sup>	John Wait
Abraham Byam	Daniel Hale	Samuel Marble
Reuben Stone	William Dagget	Joseph Marble
John Grout	Isaac Ball	Jonathan Houghton
John Grout Jun <sup>r</sup>	Soloman Fay	John Rogers
Jonathan Grout	Jotham Death	Abner Holden
Solomon Willson	John Sanders	Stanton Printice
Joseph Stowell	Elisha Crossby	Benj <sup>a</sup> Willson
Joseph Page	Luke Lincoln	Stephen Emes
William Page	David Lawson	John Phelps
Nathaniel Page	Silas Rice	William Read
John Warden	Tho <sup>s</sup> Carter	Benj <sup>a</sup> Baxter
Silas Bennit	Ephraim Sterns	Matt <sup>h</sup> Thornton Esq
Thomas Shattock	James Read	And <sup>w</sup> Wiggins Esq <sup>r</sup>
Ephraim Shattock	Timothy Whitney	Mesech Weare Esq <sup>r</sup>
Silas Shattock	Thomas Rice	Maj <sup>r</sup> John Tolford

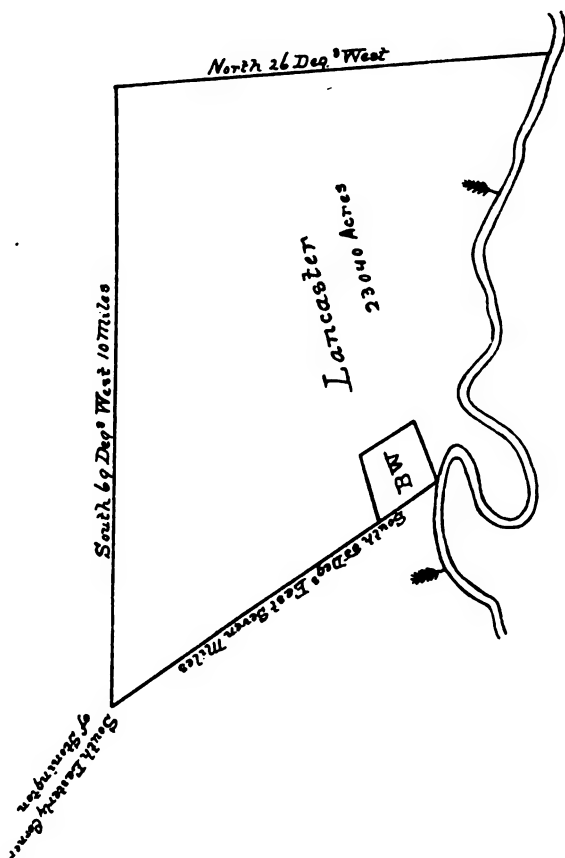
Benj <sup>a</sup> Man	Daniel Searles	Hon: Jos <sup>b</sup> Newmarch	} Esq <sup>rs</sup>
Daniel Miles	Isaac Wood	Nath <sup>l</sup> Barrel	
Thomas Rogers	Nath <sup>l</sup> Richardson	Daniel Warner	
John Duncan	Ebenezer Blunt	James Nevin	
Nathaniel Smith	John Herriman	Rev <sup>d</sup> M <sup>r</sup> Joshua Wing <sup>te</sup> Weeks	
Charles How	Ephraim Noyce	& Benj <sup>a</sup> Stevens	
	Benj <sup>a</sup> Sawyer		

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> a Tract of Land to Contain Five Hundred Acres as marked B—W in the Plan w<sup>ch</sup> is to be Accounted two of the within shares, One whole share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, One Share for a Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Establish'd, One Share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel & one Share for the benefit of a school in s<sup>d</sup> Town

Prov<sup>e</sup> of New Hamp<sup>t</sup> July 6<sup>th</sup> 1763

Recorded from the Back of the original Charter of Lancaster under the Pro<sup>v</sup> Seal

⌘ T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>



Pro<sup>v</sup> of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> July 6 1763  
 Recorded from the Back of the original Charter of Lancaster  
 under the Pro Seal

T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

## [LANCASTER CHARTER RENEWED, 1769.]

\*Province of New } GEORGE the THIRD by the grace \*1-347  
 Hampshire } of God of Great Britain France and  
 Ireland KING Defender of the ffaith and so forth.

{ Lancaster } WHEREAS we of our special grace and mere  
 { extended } motion for the due encouragement of settling a

{ L. S. } new Plantation within our Prov: of New Hamp-  
 shire in New England by our Letters Patent or  
 Charter under the Seal of our said Province Dated  
 the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July Annoque Domini 1763 in the

Third year of our Reign; a Tract of Land equal to six miles square bounded as therein expressd (& since survey'd, admeasured, marked & ascertained by our Order to Isaac Rindge Esq<sup>r</sup> our Surveyor Gen<sup>l</sup> of Lands for our said Province) Granted to a number of our Loyal subjects whose Names are enter'd on the same to hold to them their Heirs and Assigns on the Conditions therein Declared, and to be a Town Corporate by the name of Lancaster, as by reference to the said Charter may more fully appear. And whereas the said Grantees have represented unto us that by reason of the great Inconveniencies which occur in the Settlement of New Townships so remotely situated from any other Townships or Settlements that can afford any Assistance hath render'd it impracticable for the whole number of Grantees to perform that part of the Conditions that relates to the Cultivation of such a proportion of the said Grant. That there are a Considerable number of Families now resident on the Premises, which affords them hopes of a final Settlement without delay. And humbly supplicating us not to take advantage of the breach of said Condition, but to lengthen out, and grant them some further Time for the performance thereof. Now KNOW YE that we being willing to promote the end proposed Have of our further Grace and favour suspended our Claim of the forfeiture which the said Grantees may have incurr'd, and by these Presents Do Grant unto the said Grantee their Heirs and Assigns the further Term of Five Years from this Date for performing and fulfilling the Conditions, matters and things by them to be done as aforesaid.—Except the Quit Rents, which are to remain due and payable as express'd and reserv'd in the Original Grant or Charter.

\*IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of \*1-348  
 our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness John  
 Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor and Commander in Chief of our

aforesaid Province This 20<sup>th</sup> day of September in the 9<sup>th</sup> year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1769.

J' Wentworth.

By his Excellency's Command  
with advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>r</sup>

Prov<sup>a</sup> of New Hampshire 16<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1769—

Recorded according to the Original Grant under the Province Seal.

Pr Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>r</sup>

[GRANT TO JOSHUA BARKER, 1773.]

*4-174	*Province of } New Hampshire }	GEORGE the third by the grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King defender of the Faith &c <sup>a</sup>
Cap <sup>t</sup> Joshua Barker's Grant		

To all to whom these Presents shall come greet-  
ing

{ P. S. }

WHEREAS we have thought fit by our Proclamation at St<sup>t</sup> James's the seventh day of October in the third Year of our reign Annoque Domini 1763 among other things to testify our Royal Sense and approbation of the conduct and Bravery of the Officers and Soldiers of our Armies and signified our desire to reward the same and have therein commanded and impowered our several Governors of our respective Provinces on the Continent of America to grant without fee or reward to such reduced Officers as have served in North America during the last War and to such private Soldiers as have been or shall be disbanded there and shall personally apply for the same such quantities of Land respectively as in and by our aforesaid Proclamation are particularly mentioned subject nevertheless to the same Quitrents and Conditions of cultivation & improvement as other our Lands are subject to in the Province in which they are granted. And Whereas Joshua Barker of Hingham in our Province of Massachusetts Bay Esq<sup>r</sup> had our appointment as Captain and served in America during the late War and is now reduced and he having made personal Application & solicited for such Grant agreeable to our said Proclamation—

KNOW YE that We of our special Grace certain Knowledge



and meer Motion to signify our approbation as aforesaid for the encouragement Settlement and cultivation of our Lands within our said Province of New Hampshire in New England, Have and by and with the advice of our trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor & Commander in chief of our said Province of New Hampshire and of our Council of the same agreeable to our aforesaid in part recited Proclamation and upon the Conditions and reservations hereafter mentioned given and granted and by these Presents for Us our Heirs and Successors do give & grant unto the said Joshua Barker and to his Heirs and Assigns \*forever a certain Tract or Parcel of \*4-175 Land situate lying and being in our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid containing by admeasurement three thousand and Twenty Acres of Land as by a Plan or Survey of said Tract exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province of New Hampshire and returned into the Secretary's Office of said Province of New Hampshire a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed may more fully appear butted & bounded as follows viz<sup>t</sup>—Beginning at a Maple Tree being the Northeast Corner of Dartmouth, so called, from thence runing North five degrees East six hundred and twenty rods to a Beech Tree, from thence South sixty nine degrees West ten rods to the North East Corner of Lancaster, thence by said Lancaster five Miles and one hundred and fifty rods to a Hemloc Tree standing in Dartmouth Line, from thence running by said Dartmouth East five Miles to the Bounds first mentiond To HAVE & TO HOLD the said granted Premises as above expressed to him the said Joshua Barker his Heirs and Assigns forever upon the following Terms conditions and reservations viz<sup>t</sup>

FIRST That the said Grantee shall clear and make passable a Road through the said Tract of Land four rods wide fit for Carriages &c<sup>a</sup> as shall be at any time hereafter directed or ordered by the Governor and Council aforesaid which Road is to be completed in one Year from the date of the order or direction aforesaid on penalty of forfeiture of this Grant and of its reverting to us our Heirs and Successors

SECOND That the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be settled Five Families in five Years from the date of this Grant in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be entered upon and regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same

**THIRD** That all white and other Pine Trees fit for masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use and none to be cut or felled without our special Leave and licence for so doing first had and obtained on penalty of the forfeiture of the right of the Grantee to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament

\*4-176 \***FOURTH** That the Grantee yield and pay therefor to us our Heirs and Successors on or before the first day of January 1774 the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded

**FIFTH** That the Grantee his Heirs and Assigns shall yield and pay unto us our Heirs and Successors yearly and every Year forever from and after the expiration of nine Years from the aforesaid first day of January 1774 ONE SHILLING proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he so owns settles or possesses and so in proportion for a greater or less Quantity of the Land aforesaid which Money shall be paid by the respective Proprietor or Settler as aforesaid in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same

**SIXTH** That any part of the Premises appearing well adapted to the growth of Hemp and Flax or either of them shall be cultivated with those useful Articles of produce in the Proportion of ten Acres in each and every hundred of these granted Premises within Ten Years of this date. And these to be in full of all other rents & services

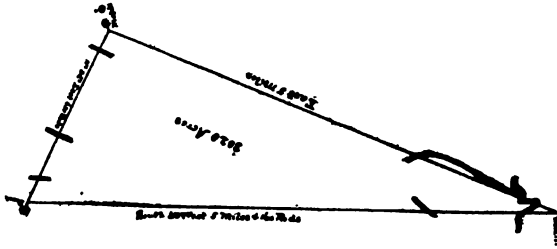
**IN TESTIMONY** whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our aforesaid Governor and Commander in chief the twenty-first day of October Anno Domini 1773 and in the thirteenth Year of our reign

J. Wentworth

By his Excellency's command  
with advice of Council  
Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Recorded according to the original Charter under the Province Seal this Twenty first day of October Anno Domini 1773

Attest<sup>r</sup> Geo : King D : Sec<sup>y</sup>



\*Province of New Hampshire—Portsmouth 18<sup>th</sup> October \*4-177  
1773—

This certifies That this Plan beginning at a Maple Tree being the North East Corner of Dartmouth so called, from thence runing North five degrees East Six hundred and twenty Rods to a Beech Tree, from thence South Sixty nine degrees West Ten Rods to the North East Corner of Lancaster, thence by said Lancaster five Miles and One hundred and fifty Rods to a Hemlock Tree standing in Dartmouth Line from thence runing by said Dartmouth East five Miles to the Bounds first mentioned contains Three thousand and twenty Acres of Land and is a true Copy of an original Plan or Survey of said Tract as taken and returned to me by Cap<sup>t</sup> Hubartus Neal Dep<sup>y</sup> Surveyor

Copy examin'd by

Attest Is : Rindge S<sup>G</sup>  
Geo : King Dep<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

### LANDAFF.

[Granted Jan. 31, 1764, to James Avery and others. Regranted to Dartmouth College Jan. 19, 1770. Incorporated Nov. 11, 1774. Settlements were made to some extent under the Dartmouth College grant. After the Revolution, the first grantees claimed that the forfeiture was illegal, and by the decision of the courts, the college lost its title. A portion of Lincoln was annexed July 2, 1845. All that part of Landaff northwest of Ammonoosuck River was annexed to Lisbon June 23, 1859. Easton was set off and incorporated July 20, 1876.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 464; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 277, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 361; Index to Laws, 277; Sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 396; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 12; Stevens's Memorials of Methodism, 1852, p. 145; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 581; History of the Administration of the Law in Grafton County, by A. S. Batchellor, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 41; History of Dartmouth College and Hanover, by Frederick Chase, 1891, vol. 1, p. 603; History of Dartmouth College, by B. P. Smith.]

## [LANDAFF CHARTER, 1764.]

\*3-86      \*Province of New-Hampshire.

Landaff

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GEORGE, THE THIRD,  
By the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and  
Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come,  
Greeting.*

KNOW Ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of *New Hampshire*, in *New-England*, and of Our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy one equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement 24000 *Acres*, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Beginning at the South Easterly Corner Bounds of the Town of Bath which is y<sup>e</sup> North Easterly Corner of Haverhil from thence Runing South Fifty five Degrees East Six Miles, then Turning off & Runing North Twenty four Degrees East Six Miles, then Turning off again & Runing in a Streight Line to the North Easterly Corner of Bath then Turning off Southerly & Runing by Bath to the South Easterly Corner thereof to the Bounds began at. And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Landaff And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that

the other on the \_\_\_\_\_ annually, which Fairs are not to  
continue longer than the respective \_\_\_\_\_ following the  
said \_\_\_\_\_ and that as soon as the said Town

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and

marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*. 1764

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1774 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the 31<sup>st</sup> Day of Jan<sup>y</sup> In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty four And in the Fourth Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,  
With Advice of COUNCIL,

T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

Province of New Hampshire Jan<sup>y</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> 1764  
Recorded according to the Original Charter under the Province Seal

Ⓢ T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

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\*Names of the Grantees of Landaff.

James Avery  
John Grigg  
John Fansher  
Abraham Weed  
Thadeus Bell  
Jonathan Bell

John Holmes Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Samuel Penoyr  
John Newman  
Cary Leads  
Isaac Hoit  
Benjamin Taylor

Nathan Reynolds Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Edward Brush  
Shubel Brush  
Timothy Wood  
Jonathan Hobby Jun<sup>r</sup>  
Justus Knap

Samuel Bates	Abraham Andrews	Theophilus Peck
John Bates	John Bowton	Reuben Green
Eliphalet Sealey	Daniel Bowton	Samuel Ferris
Gershom Bates	Walter Norris	Joseph Wood
Jeremiah Andrews	Ezekiel Hawley	Ezekiel Finch Jun <sup>r</sup>
James Talmage	Nathan Reynolds	Ebenzer Finch
Joseph Stephens	Joshua Lounsbury	Jonathan Knap
Elisha Leads	John Greggs	Jonathan Knap Jun <sup>r</sup>
Robert Andrews	Samuel Gregg	Joshua Knap Jun <sup>r</sup>
Jacob Slawson	Henry Gregg	Ebenezer Seamore
Job Bishop	William Gregg	John Holmes
Ephraim Smith	Justus Bush	Gregg The Hon <sup>ble</sup> Nath <sup>l</sup> Barrell
Israel Leads	Nathaniel Sherwood	James Nevin
John Waterbury	Thomas Close	Mark H <sup>s</sup> Wentworth
Thomas Waterbury	Joseph Benedict	Jos: Newmatch
John Holmes	Nathaniel Mead	

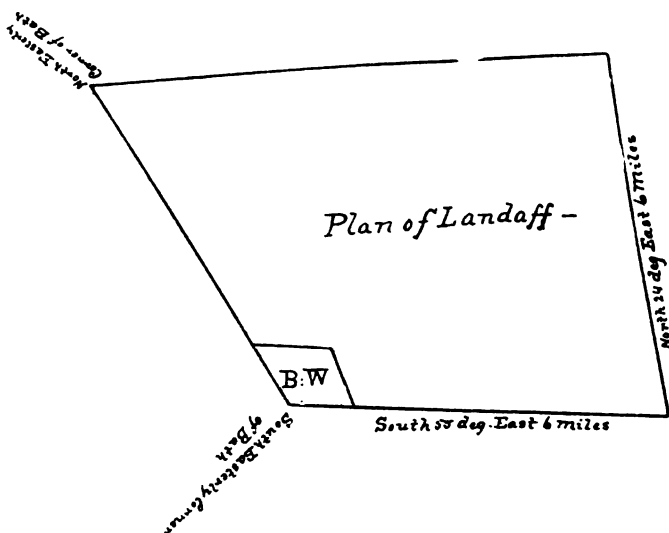
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Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 31-1764—

Recorded According to the Original Charter under the Province Seal—

W T. Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>—



Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 31—1764—  
 Recorded according to the Plan on the Back of the original  
 Charter under the Province Seal

Ⓟ T Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>y</sup>

[GRANT OF LANDAFF TO DARTMOUTH COLLEGE, 1770.]

\*4-38 \*Province of New Hampshire.

GEORGE the THIRD by the grace of God of Great  
 (Landaff) Britain France and Ireland KING Defender of the  
 faith & so forth.

To all People to whom these Presents shall Come, Greeting.

WHEREAS many liberal and pious donations both in Europe and America have been made for the purpose of civilizing and educating Indians, and for the furtherance of learning & christian knowledge; And whereas the most extensive good will undoubtedly result from such a wise and generous design, both to the cause of Christianity and knowledge, and also to our Service and the permanent Security of our Colonies; by reclaiming the Savages to virtuous knowledge and social subordination to the Laws, and also enabling our good subjects in those remote parts of our Dominions to acquire Learning, and thereby preventing



their insensibly and unavoidably sinking into an illiterate and savage State, unhappy to themselves and dangerously dishonorable to good Government: And whereas a College hath by us been Incorporated and erected by the name of Dartmouth College, under the great Seal of our said Province, for these and many other equally worthy and commendable purposes of the like nature Now KNOW YE that for these Purposes we of our special grace certain knowledge and mere motion, and for the due encouragement of settling a new Plantation within our said province by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor and Commander in chief in and over our said Province of New Hampshire in New England and of our Council of the same, Have upon the Conditions and reservations herein after made, given and granted and by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give and grant as a Public Donation to the Trustees of Dartmouth College (lately incorporated and erected within this our said Province) and to their Successors in that Trust for the use and benefit of said College and to their Assigns, a certain Tract or parcel of Land commonly called and known by the name of Landaff, situate, lying and being within our said Province and containing by admeasurement Twenty five thousand two hundred and forty seven Acres, three roods and ten perches out of which an allowance is to be made for Highways and unimproveable Lands by rocks, Ponds, mountains and rivers One thousand and forty Acres free according to a plan and Survey thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province \*by our said \*4-39 Governor's Order and returned into the Sec<sup>y</sup>'s Office a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed butted and bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at the Southeasterly corner of Gunthwaite at a beech tree and running North Sixty two degrees West by said Gunthwaite Eight miles and thirty six rods to a beech tree at the South Westerly corner of Gunthwaite and North Easterly corner of Bath, from thence South Two degrees East Six miles and fifty six Rods to a Spruce Tree the South Easterly corner of Bath, from thence South fifty five degrees East six miles to a Stake, from thence North Easterly to the bounds first mentioned. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed together with all the Priviledges and Appurtenances to them the said Trustees of said DARTMOUTH COLLEGE in their said Capacity and to their Successors in the said Trust & to their

Assigns for the use and benefit of the said College for ever; by the name of LANDAFF, upon the following Terms, Conditions and Reservations Viz<sup>t</sup>

FIRST. That there shall be settled & resident on the Premises SIXTY Families by the expiration of four Years viz<sup>t</sup> Twelve Families in One Year from the first day of March next; also Twelve Families more in the next Year viz<sup>t</sup> by the first day of March 1772, also Twelve Families more in the Third year Viz<sup>t</sup> by the first day of March 1773, and also Twenty four Families more in the fourth year namely by the first day of March which will be in the year of our Lord 1774; on penalty of the forfeiture of any and every delinquent's Share and of such Share or Shares reverting to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon and regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

SECOND That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township fit for masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use & none to be cut or felled without our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained; on penalty of the forfeiture of the right of any Proprietor, Settler or Possessor to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.

THIRD That a Site for a Town Plot be within one year laid out by the Trustees in such part of the said Township as they shall find best for Settlement of at least One Hundred and fifty families; to each one Acre.—which Town Plot shall be laid out in Streets parallel to each other, so as to intersect at Right Angles; \*4-40 the Two \*middle Streets to be one hundred and Thirty feet wide: and all other Streets to be at lest Sixty feet wide.

FOURTH That there be cut, cleared and made passable for Carriages &c. a Road of Four Rods wide thro' the said Tract; and this to be completed in Two Years from the date of this Grant, in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our Heirs and Successors.

FIFTH Yielding and paying therefor to us our Heirs and Successors on or before the first day of March 1779, the rent of one ear of Indian Corn only if Lawfully demanded.

SIXTH That every Proprietor, Settler, or Inhabitant shall yield and pay unto us our Heirs and Successors yearly and every year forever from and after the expiration of one year from the above-said first day of March, namely on the first day of March, which



will be in the year of our Lord Christ 1780, ONE SHILLING Proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he so Owns, settles or Possesses and so in proportion for a greater or lesser tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid their heirs and Assigns in our Council chamber in Portsm<sup>o</sup> or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same.—

SEVENTH. That any part of the said Tract appearing to be well adapted to the growth of Hemp or Flax; there shall be annually cultivated and improved a due proportion of the said Land, not less than ten Acres in every thousand Acres with that beneficial Article of Produce: and these to be in lieu of all Rents and services whatsoever.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness J<sup>n</sup> WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor and Commander in chief in and over our said Province of New Hampshire the Nineteenth day of January in the 10<sup>th</sup> year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1770.

By his Excell<sup>cy</sup>'s Command with advice of Council—

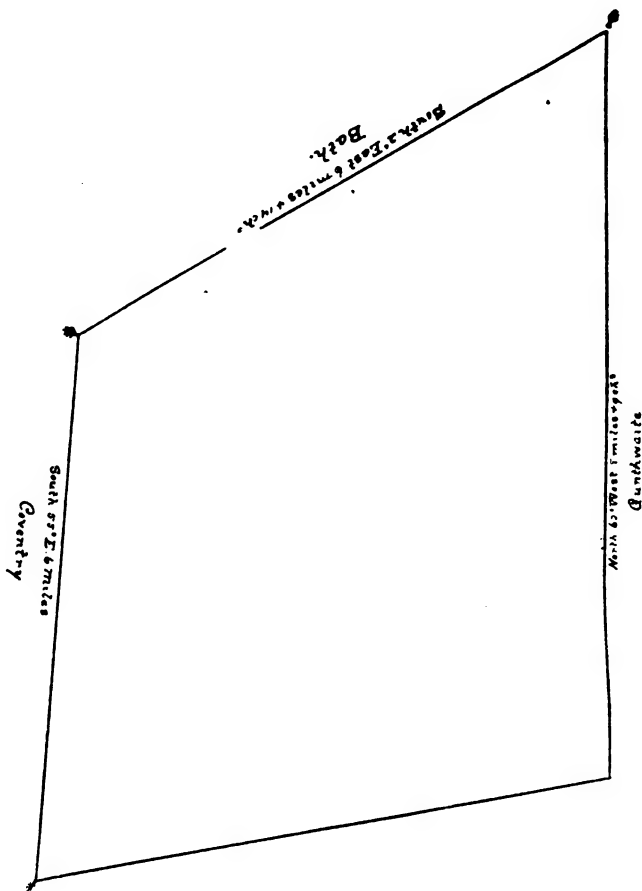
Theo: Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

J {  L. S.  } Wentworth

Province of New Hampshire 22<sup>d</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1770

Recorded according to the Original Charter of Landaff under the Province Seal.

Att: Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>



Province of New Hampshire

Portsm<sup>o</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1770.

These Certify that this plan of Landaff Beginning at the S. East<sup>y</sup> corner of Gunthwaite, at a Beech Tree & runing N<sup>o</sup> 62 deg<sup>s</sup> West by said Gunthw<sup>ie</sup> 8 miles & 36 Rods to a Beech Tree at the S. West<sup>y</sup> Corner of Gunthwaite & N<sup>o</sup> East<sup>y</sup> Corner of Bath—from thence S. 2<sup>o</sup> E. 6 miles & 56 Rods to a Spruce Tree the S. East<sup>y</sup> Corner of Bath from thence S<sup>o</sup> 55 E. 6 miles to a Stake from thence North east<sup>y</sup> to the Bounds first mentioned. Contains 25247 Acr<sup>s</sup> 3 Roods 10 Perch<sup>s</sup> & is found by actual


Survey of the South line of Gunthwaite & the East line of Bath and 3 &  $\frac{1}{4}$  miles of the N. Line of Coventry.—

Attest<sup>d</sup>  $\text{p}$  Is. Rindge Surv<sup>r</sup> General.

Record<sup>d</sup> according to the plan of Landaff annex'd to the Original charter thereof.

[LANDAFF INCORPORATED, 1774.]

Province of } \*George the third by the grace of God of \*4-222  
New Hampshire } Great Britain France and Ireland King  
defender of the faith &c

 To ALL People to whom these presents shall come greeting  
WHEREAS our loyal Subjects Inhabitants of a  
\*Tract of Land within Our Province of New \*4-223  
LANDAFF Hampshire aforesaid commonly called &

known by the name of Landaff containing by estimation about six Miles square have humbly petitioned & requested Us that they may be erected & incorporated into a Township and enfranchised with the same Powers & Privileges which other Towns within our said Province by law have and enjoy & it appearing to Us to be conducive to the general Good of our said Province as well as of the said Inhabitants in particular by maintaining good order and encouraging the culture of the Land that the same should be done

KNOW YE that We of Our special Grace certain knowledge & for the encouragement & promotion of the good Purposes and ends aforesaid by & with the advice of our trusty & well beloved John Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor & Commander in chief of our said Province and of Our Council of the same have erected and ordained and by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do will and ordain that the Inhabitants and others who shall improve and inhabit therein hereafter the same being butted & bounded as follows viz' Begining at the Southeasterly Corner of Gunthwait at a Beech Tree and runing North sixty two degrees West by said Gunthwait eight Miles & thirty six Rods to a Beech Tree at the Southwesterly Corner of Gunthwait & northeasterly Corner of Bath from thence South two degrees East six Miles & fifty six Rods to a Spruce Tree the Southeasterly Corner of Bath from thence South fifty five degrees East six Miles to a stake from

thence Northeasterly to the Bounds first mentioned be & they are hereby declared to be a Town corporate by the name of Landaff to have continuance forever with all the Powers & Authorities Privileges immunities & Franchises which any other Towns in our said Province by Law hold and enjoy to the said Inhabitants or those who shall hereafter inhabit there and to their Successors forever always reserving to Us Our Heirs and Successors all white Pine Trees that are or shall be found being & growing within & upon the said Tract of Land fit for the Use of Our Royal Navy reserving also unto Us Our Heirs and Successors the Power of dividing said Town when it shall appear necessary & convenient for the Inhabitants thereof Provided nevertheless and it is hereby declared that this Charter and Grant is not \*4-224 intended & shall not in any manner be construed to \*affect the private Property of the Soil within the Limits aforesaid

And as the several Towns within our said Province are by the Laws thereof enabled and authorized to assemble & by the Majority of the Voters present to chuse all Officers and transact such Affairs as in the said Laws are declared we do by these presents nominate & appoint Bezaleel Woodward Esq to call the first Meeting of the said Inhabitants to be held within the said Town at any time within One hundred & ninety days from the date hereof—giving legal notice of the time & design of holding such Meeting after which the annual Meeting for said Town shall be held for the choice of said Officers & the purposes aforesaid on the fourth Tuesday in the Month of March annually

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness Our aforesaid Governor & Commander in cheif—this fourth day of November in the fifteenth Year of our reign Annoque Domini 1774

J Wentworth

By his Excellency's command  
with advice of Council  
Geo : King Dep' Sec'

Recorded according to the original Charter under the Province Seal this twenty fifth day of November A D 1774

Attest' Geo : King Dep' Sec'

## LANGDON.

[Constituted from parts of Charlestown and Walpole, and incorporated Jan. 11, 1787. Named in honor of John Langdon. In 1795, the town refused an addition extending to Connecticut River.]

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 96; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 367; Index to Laws, 278; sketch, Hurd's History of Sullivan County, 1886, p. 181; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 449.]

## LEBANON.

[Granted July 4, 1761, to Nehemiah Estabrook and others, and named from Lebanon, Conn., whence came some of the grantees.]

See X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 277, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 369; Index to Laws, 283; Historical Recollections, Thanksgiving discourse, 1830, by Phinehas Cooke, 1831, pp. 17; proceedings centennial celebration, 1861, pub. 1862, pp. 100; 16, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 97; Services at Dedication of Soldiers' Memorial Building, 1890; Charter and Early History, 12, Granite Monthly, 114, 145; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 403; Biography of Elisha Payne, by W. H. Cotton, 1, Proceedings of Grafton and Coös Bar Association, 497, 632; History, by C. A. Downs, in preparation; The Vermont Controversy, by C. A. Downs, 11, Granite Monthly, 320, 349; historical discourse, by A. B. Rich, 25th anniversary of West Lebanon Congregational Church, 1874; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 252; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 8; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 549, 578; How They Built a Meeting House in Old Times, by C. A. Downs, 4, Granite Monthly, 328; Shakerism Exposed, by Mary M. Dyer, 1855.]

## [LEBANON CHARTER, 1761.]

\*Province of New-Hampshire.

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Labanon

GEORGE, THE THIRD,

By the Grace of GOD, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come,*  
Greeting.

KNOW ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our

Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of NEW HAMPSHIRE, in *New-England*, and of our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Sixty Eight equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, Twenty three thousand *Acres*, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Beginning at A White Pine Tree marked with the figures 3 on one Side & 4 on the other which Tree is about Eighteen Miles on A Point from the Uper End of Chalestown and Stands on the Bank of Connecticut River; from thence South Seventy Two Degrees East Six Miles, from thence North Thirty Six degrees East five Miles & one half from thence North Sixty four degrees West Seven Miles to Connecticut River to a hemlock Tree marked with 4 & 5 that Stands Just at the Head of White River Falls from thence Down the river to the first Bounds mentioned And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Labanon And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the

And the other on the annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said

and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty  
 \*2-2 Families, a Market may be \*opened and kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantageous to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the



Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the last Wednesday in August next which said Meeting shall be Notified by M<sup>r</sup> John Baldwin who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or Them Re-granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*. 1762

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the above-said twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth

Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1772 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of July In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty one And in the First Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,  
with Advice of COUNCIL,

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> July 5<sup>th</sup> 1761

Recorded According to the Original Charter of Labanon under the Province Seal

⌘ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

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\*Names of the Grantees of Lebanon.

John Hunks	Hubart Easterbrooks	John Storrs
Tho <sup>a</sup> Barrows jun <sup>r</sup>	John Allen	Jonathan Yeomans
Joseph Dana	Lemuel Clark	Seth Blodget
John Salter	Daniel Blodget	Jon <sup>a</sup> Wollcott
Obadiah Loomass	Joseph Wood	Nath <sup>l</sup> Porter
John Swift	Thomas Storrs	Jabez Barrows
Elijah Huntoon	Moses Hubbard jun <sup>r</sup>	Nath <sup>l</sup> Hall
Daniel Allen jun <sup>r</sup>	Charles Hill	Jon <sup>a</sup> Murdock
Hacking Storrs jun <sup>r</sup>	John Hide	David Turner
John Baldwin	Joseph Turner	John Birchard
Robert Burrows jun <sup>r</sup>	Jonah Storrs	Joseph Martin
David Eldridge	Jonathan Martin	Daniel Blodget
Jessee Richards	Nathan Blodget	Judah Storrs
Nathan Arnold	Samuel Storrs	Robert Martin
Rich <sup>d</sup> Salter	Robert Hide	Jedediah Dana
Levi Hide	Joshua Blodget	William Dana
Constant Southworth	Jesse Birchard	M. Hunk. Wentworth Esq

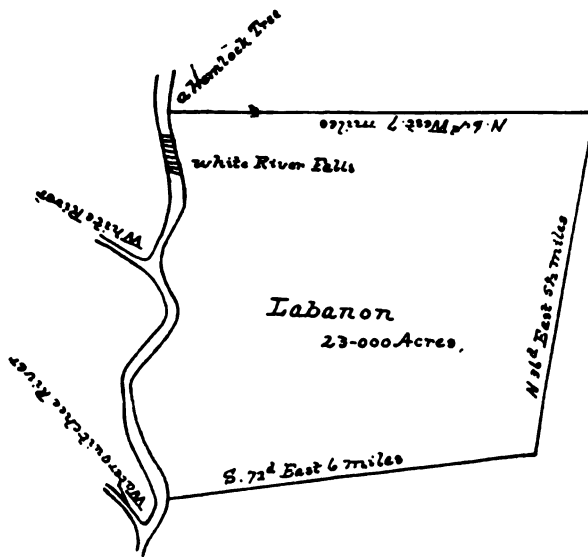
John Birchard      Nehemiah Easterbrooks James Nevin Esq  
Jonathan Blanchard Niel Lamont      Clem<sup>r</sup> Jackson Esq  
Hugh Hall Wentworth Sam<sup>l</sup> Penhallow      & William Knight

One whole Share for the incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts one whole Share for A Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established one Share for the Settled Minister & one Share for the Benefit of A School in Said Town His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq A Tract of Land of five Hundred Acres as Marked B-W in the Plan which is to be Accounted two of the within Shares—

Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> July 5 1761

Recorded According to the Original under the Prov<sup>e</sup> Seal from the Back of the Charter of Lebanon.

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>—



Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> July 5<sup>th</sup> 1761

Recorded from the Back of the original Charter of Lebanon

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

## LEE.

[Set off from Durham and incorporated as a parish January 16, 1766. The south line was established June 19, 1818.

See papers under title Durham; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 390; Index to Laws, 284; sketch, Hurd's History of Strafford County, 1882, p. 639; Baptist Churches in New Hampshire, by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 7; Lawrence's New Hampshire Churches, 1856, p. 334.]

## LEMPSTER.

[This was *Number 9* in the line of towns from Merrimack to Connecticut River, granted by Massachusetts January 16, 1735-6. Granted by New Hampshire as *Dupplin*, January 1, 1753, to Samuel Clark Pain and others. Regranted October 5, 1761, to Benadam Gallop and others, and incorporated as Lempster. Regranted January 5, 1767, to Dudley Woodbridge and others. The charter was renewed January 21, 1772. A portion of this town was included in the limits of Goshen, incorporated December 27, 1791. The line between Lempster and Washington was established November 27, 1812.

See Massachusetts charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 466; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 396; Index to Laws, 285; sketch, by Helen Bingham, Hurd's History of Sullivan County, 1886, p. 185; Baptist Churches in New Hampshire, by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 18; Lawrence's New Hampshire Churches, 1856, pp. 457, 460; Incidents Connected with the History of, by C. S. Spaulding, 10, Granite Monthly, 267; Proceedings of Centennial Celebration of American Independence, July 4, 1876, pp. 15.]

## [DUPPLIN CHARTER, 1753.]

\*I-131 \*Province of New Hampshire

Dupplin George the Second by the Grace of God of Great  
 Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the  
 faith &c<sup>a</sup>  
 { L : S : P } To All Persons to whom these Presents Shall  
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Know Ye that We of our Especial Grace Certain Knowledge  
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Trusty & Well beloved BENNING WENTWORTH Esq our Governour And Com'ander in Chieff of our Said Province of New Hampshire in America & of our Council of the Said Province Have upon the Conditions & Reservations hereafter made given & Granted & by these Presents for us our heirs & Successors do give & Grant in Equal Shares unto our Loving Subjects of our Said Province of New Hampshire & his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Other Governments & to their heirs and assignes for ever whose names Are Entered on this Grant to be Divided to & among them into Seventy five Equal Shares all that Tract or Parcel of Land Scituate Lying & being within our Province of New Hampshire Containing by admeasurement Twenty three thousand & forty Acres which Tract is to Contain Six Miles Square & no more out of which an allowance is to be made for High ways & unimprovable Lands by Rocks Mountains Ponds & Rivers One thousand & forty Acres free According to A Plan thereof made & Presented by our Said Governours order and hereunto Annexed Butted & bounded as follows (Viz) begining At A Stake & Stones at the South Easterly Corner of Burnett from thence Running North by the Needle Six miles and an half to A Stake & Stones thence East by the Needle Six miles & Sixty four Rods to A Stake & Stones from thence South Ten degrees West Six miles Two hundred & Twenty four Rods to A Stake & Stones from thence West by the Needle five miles & forty four Rods to the bounds first mentioned and that the Same be Incorporated into A Township by the Name of DUPPLIN and that the Inhabitants that do or Shall Inhabit hereafter said Township Are hereby Declared to be Enfranchized with and Intituled to all \*and \*1-132 every the Priviledges And Immunities that Other Towns within our Said Province by Law Exercize & Enjoy And further that the Said Town as Soon as there Shall be fifty families Resident & Settled thereon Shall have the Liberty of holding Two fairs one of Which Shall be held on the

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Days and as soon as the Said Town Shall Consist of fifty families a Market Shall be Opened & kept one or more days in Each week as may be tho<sup>t</sup> most advantagious to the Inhabitants Also that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers Agreeable to the Laws of our Said Province Shall be held on the first Tuesday in

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B Wentworth

By his Excellency's Com'and  
with advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Entred and Recorded according to the Original Charter under the Province Seal the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1753

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Se<sup>ry</sup>

### Names of the Grantees of Dupplin (Viz)

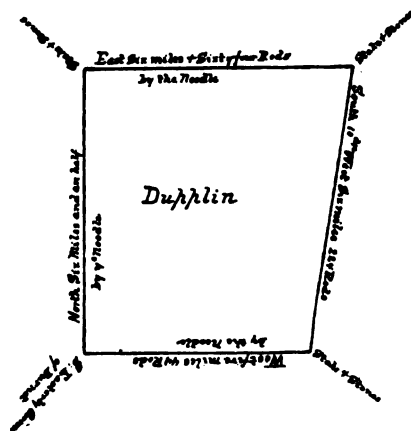
Samuel Clark Pain,	John Waters,	Nathaniel Green,
Asa Moor	Jeremiah Rice,	James Putnam,
Nathan Barrat,	Samuel Brown,	Josiah Prentice,
John Prentice,	Stephen Prentice,	Daniel Prentice,
Stanton Prentice,	Hugh Boulton,	Alexander Clark,
Jory Clark	Samuel Demay	James M <sup>c</sup> fawland
Jonathan Eaton,	Joseph Gray,	*Benjamin Barrat, *1-134
Adonijah Ryce,	Enoc Cook,	Robert Cook,
John Harte,	James Harte jun <sup>r</sup> ,	Thomas Davenport,
John Davenport	Charles Harte,	Solomon Gates,
William Ward,	James Trowbridge,	Samuel Ashley,
William Johnson,	Luke Brown,	Will <sup>m</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Clelan
Samuel M <sup>c</sup> Clelan,	John Gates	Benjamin Wait,
Solomon Bixby,	Benjamin Richardson,	Charles Davenport,
Samuel Dutton,	Increes Moore,	Ralph Harte,
Abel Laurence,	Stephen Power,	Jonathan Snow,
Sampson French,	Benj <sup>a</sup> Parker,	Joseph Fuller
Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Fletcher	John Wentworth,	John Nelson,
John Wentworth jun <sup>r</sup>	John Osborne,	Mathew Livermore,
James Stoodley jun <sup>r</sup>	W <sup>m</sup> Symes,	Henry Sherburne,
Theodore Atkinson	Ellis Huske,	Richard Wibird
Samuel Smith,	John Downing,	Samuel Solley,
Sampson Sheaffe,	His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq A	

Tract of Land to Contain five hundred Acres which is to be Accounted two of the said Shares, One whole Share for the

Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in forreign Partes, One whole Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel in said Town, One whole Share for a Glebe for the Ministry of the Church of England as by Law Established—John Tolford, Peter Powers, James Hill—

Entered & Recorded from the Back of the Charter of Dupplin the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of January 1753

⌘ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>



Taken from the Plan on the original Charter of Wells the 1st Day of January 1753

⌘ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

[LEMPSTER CHARTER, 1761.]

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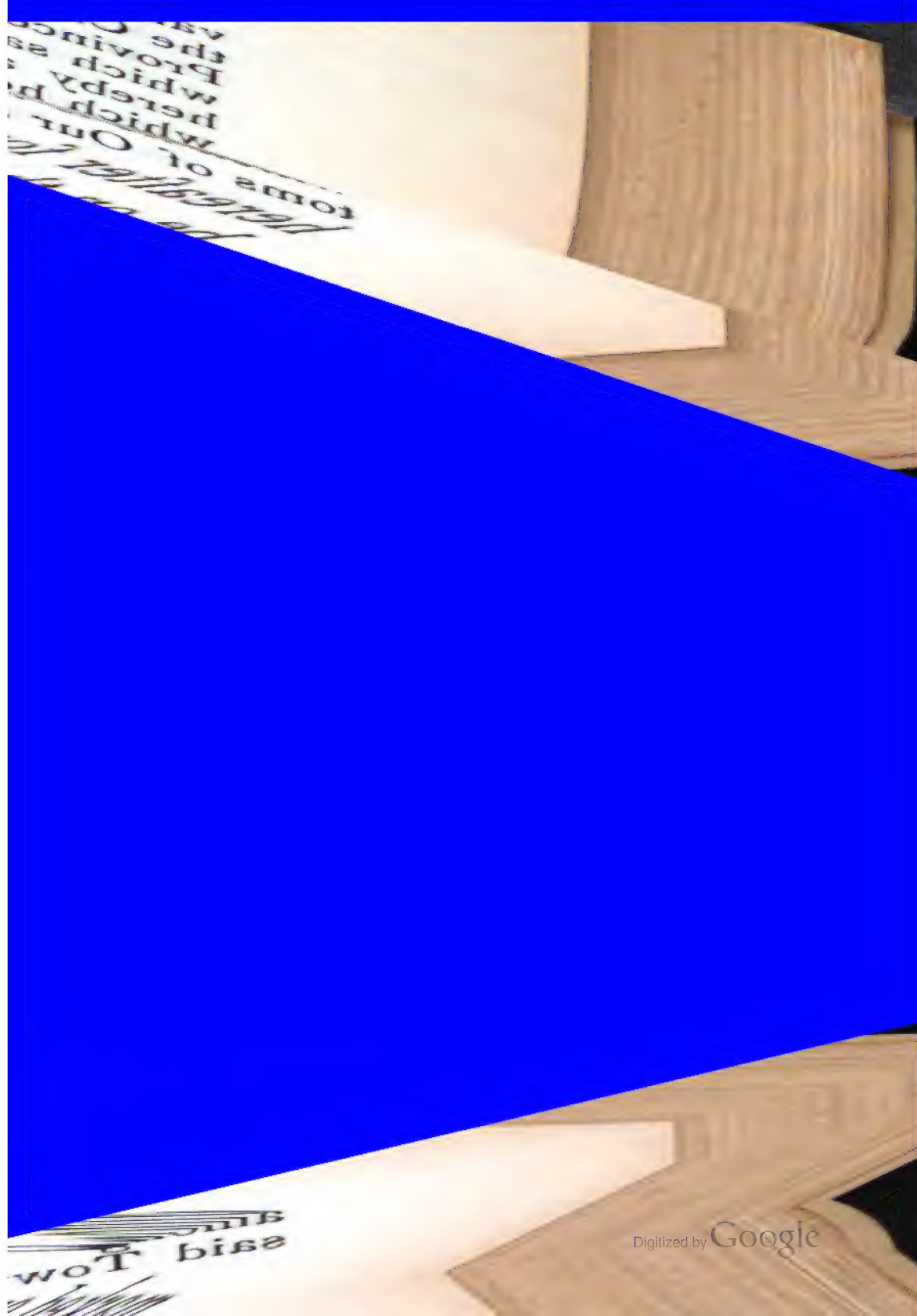
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In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of October In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty One And in the First Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command  
With Advice of COUNCIL.

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Province of New Hamps<sup>r</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 5, 1761

Recorded According to the Original Charter under the Province Seal

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

\*The Names of the Grantees of Lempster (Viz)

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Benadam Gallop	John Stanton	Dudley Woodbridge
Elijah Morgan	William Williams 2 <sup>d</sup>	John Morgan
William Avory	John Fanning	John Fanning Jun <sup>r</sup>
Joshua Fanning	David Willams 2 <sup>d</sup>	Robert Allen
Henry Gallop	Benajah Chester	Simeon Chester
Oliver Woodbridge	Benj <sup>a</sup> Giles	Nathan Gallop
Caleb Haylee	Nehem <sup>ah</sup> Williams Jun <sup>r</sup>	Robert Geer
Nathaniel Williams	William Halsey	John Bellows
Ebenezer Newton	Paul Woodbridge	John Gardner
Nathan Smith	John Nellson	Joseph Gallop
Park Avory	Dan <sup>l</sup> Latham	William Hull
Ray Sands	Jn <sup>o</sup> Cunningham 2 <sup>d</sup>	Sam <sup>l</sup> Edgcomb
Nath <sup>l</sup> Hewit Jun <sup>r</sup>	Robert Stanton	Will <sup>m</sup> Walworth
Elijah Walworth	Jon <sup>a</sup> Copp	Isaac Shildon
Paul Niles	John Winslow	Josiah Colton
Sam <sup>l</sup> Church	John Church	Ezra Stiles
Eph <sup>m</sup> Brown	Sam <sup>l</sup> Brooks	Luke Brown

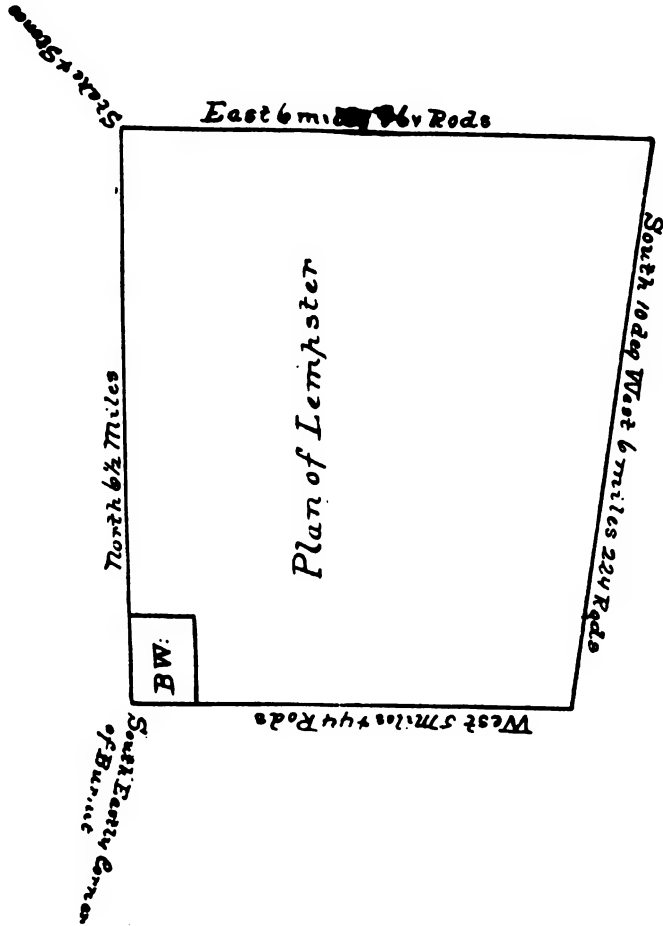
Jared Spencer	Nehemiah Andrews	Daniel Gates
Elihu Spencer	John Downing Esq <sup>r</sup>	James Nevin Esq <sup>r</sup>
Sam <sup>l</sup> Wentworth Esq	William Sheafe	Cap <sup>t</sup> William Weeks
Boston	& Enoch Clark	

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Province of New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1761

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## [LEMPSTER REGRANT, 1767.]

\*Province of New-Hampshire.

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Lempster

{ P. S. }

GEORGE, THE THIRD, By the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.*

KNOW YE, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province; of *New-Hampshire*, in *New-England*, and of Our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Sixty Seven equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, Twenty three Thousand & Forty Acres, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Beginning at a stake & stones which is the S<sup>o</sup> East Corner of a Town formerly granted in this Province by the name of Burnet from thence runing N<sup>o</sup> by the needle 6½ Miles to a stake & Stones thence East by the Needle Six miles & 64 Rods to a stake & Stones from thence S<sup>o</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> West Six miles & 224 rods to a stake & Stones from thence W<sup>t</sup> by the Needle 5 Miles & 44 rods to the bounds first mention'd—And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Lempster And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by

Law Exercise and Enjoy : And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the

And the other on the annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said

and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be \*opened and kept one or more \*3-171 Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantageous to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the which said Meeting shall be Notified by who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province ; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the

of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and

marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*.

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1772 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq: Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the Fifth Day of January In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty seven And in the Seventh Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command  
With Advice of COUNCIL.

T: Atkinson j<sup>r</sup> Secretary

Province of Newhamps<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> January 1767—

Recorded according to the Original Patent under the Province seal

Att<sup>d</sup> 9: T Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>ry</sup>

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\*Names of the Grantees of Lempster

Dudley Woodbridge	Oliver Woodbridge	Alexander Steward
Alex <sup>r</sup> Steward jun <sup>r</sup>	Eleazer Prindle	William Barnes
Stephen Barnes	John Steward	John Steward jun <sup>r</sup>
John Church	Samuel Church	William Church
Joseph Church	John Waters	Daniel Foot
Ebenezer Kellogue	Ebenezer Dutton	Ebenezer Spencer



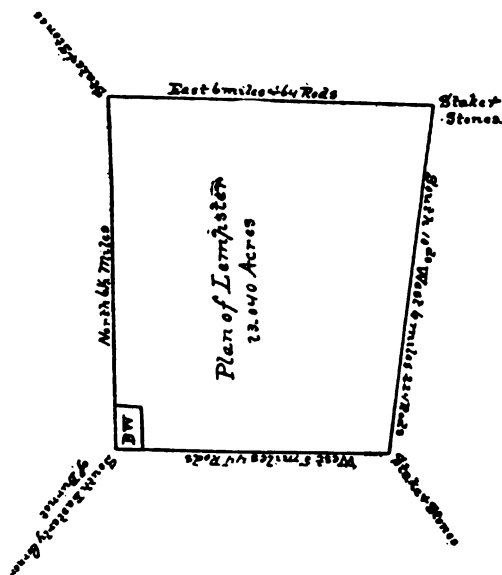
Alex <sup>r</sup> Phelps	Joseph Spencer Esq :	Hobart Spencer
John Borden	Enoch Arnold	Matthias Fuller
Noadiah Fuller	Daniel Fuller	Samuel Fuller
Daniel Gates	Daniel Gates jr	Stephen Scovel
Samuel Barnes	Hezekiah Brainerd	Joseph Wells
Harris Colt	Joseph Jewett	Elisha Harvey
Elijah White	S <sup>t</sup> Philip Lord	Jn <sup>o</sup> Harvey of E <sup>t</sup> Haddam
Robert Harvey	Isaac Ackley	Israel Spencer
Simeon Ackley	Isaiah Barnes	John Nelson
Simeon Chapman jr	John Willey	Lemuel Willey
Silvanus Cone	Matthew Smith	Israel Champion
Nathan Gates	Silas Clark	Theod <sup>r</sup> Atkinson
Aaron Cleveland	Nathaniel Cone	James Nevin
Elkinah Fox	Will <sup>m</sup> Steward	T : Atkinson jun <sup>r</sup> } Esq <sup>rs</sup>
	John Church junior	

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> a Tract of Land to Contain 500 Acres as mark'd B. W. in the Plan which is to be accounted two of the within Shares. One share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. One share for the first settled Minister. One share for a Glebe for the Church of England as by law Establish'd, & One share for the Benefit of a school in said Town for Ever—

Province of Newhampshire January 5<sup>th</sup> 1767

Recorded from the back of the Original Charter under the Province Seal

W. T Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>y</sup>



Province of New Hampshire January 5<sup>th</sup> 1767—  
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[LEMPSTER CHARTER RENEWED, 1772.]

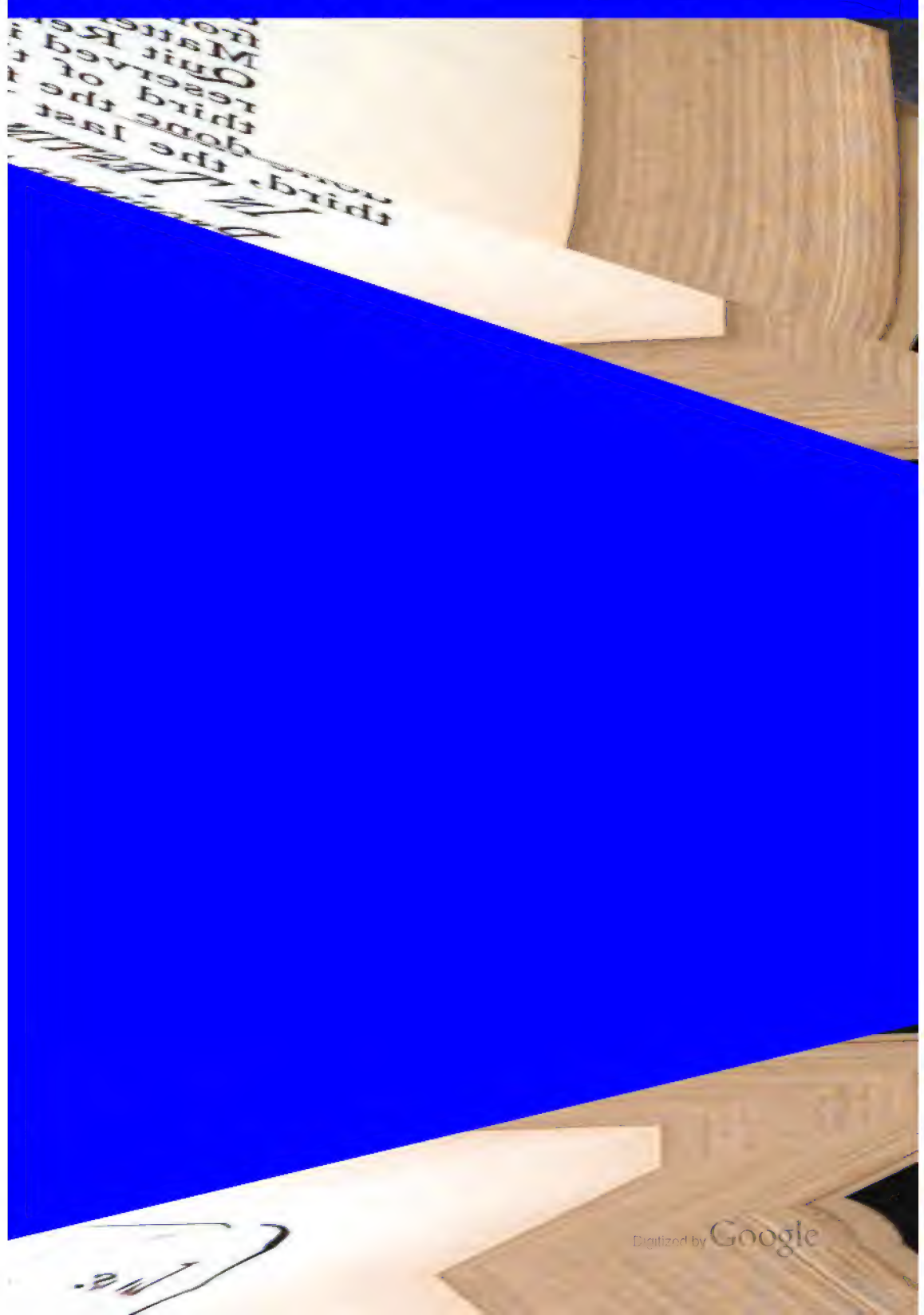
\*1-408 \*Province of New Hampshire } GEORGE the THIRD by the Grace  
 of God of Great Britain France &  
 Ireland KING Defender of the Faith &c.  
 { L. S. } To ALL to whom these Presents shall come  
 GREETING.

WHEREAS we of our special Grace certain Knowl-  
 (Lempster edge and mere Motion for the due encouragement  
 Extended.) of settling a New Plantation within our said Province  
 of New Hampshire by our Letters Patent or Charter under the  
 Seal of our said Province Dated the 5<sup>th</sup> day of January 1767 in

the seventh year of our Reign, did grant a Tract of Land equal to Six Miles square, bounded as therein express'd to a number of our loyal Subjects, whose Names are enter'd on the same, to Hold to them their Heirs & Assigns on the Conditions therein declared to be a Town Corporate by the Name of LEMPSTER, as by reference to the said Charter may more fully appear. And whereas it hath been represented unto us that the difficulties which have hitherto occur'd in the Settlement of the said Township are principally owing to the remote situation of the said Tract from any other Settlements that can afford any necessary assistance to the Grantees in the effectual prosecution of the Duties stipulated in their Charter, and from the want of Roads which they had to cut and clear, which prevented their travelling to their respective Lots; and also, the Improvement of the Premises was much retarded by the total delinquency of certain of the Grantees therein Named Viz<sup>t</sup> Alexander Steward, Alexander Steward Junior, Daniel Gates, Nathaniel Gates, Dudley Woodbridge, Oliver Woodbridge, John Steward and John Steward Junior, who have intirely neglected to cultivate improve or contribute in any wise towards the Settlement of the said Tract, by which means their respective Shares (agreeable to the Tenor of their Charter) are forfeited and revert to us to be regranted; & it appearing also, that there are Eight Families now settled and resident on the Premises & the said Grantees having likewise supplicated us not to take advantage of the breach of said Condition but to lengthen out and grant them some further Time for the performance thereof. \*Therefore,

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Know YE that We being willing to encourage and promote the Cultivation & Settlement of the said Tract, do hereby signify our taking the advantage of the forfeiture aforesaid, so far as relates to the Eight Shares of the said Delinquents, & have and do hereby exclude them respectively and by these Presents do admit in the room & stead of the said Delinquents, Namely, Bozenger Salter, John Southmayd, James Dickson, Nathaniel Sparrow, Richard Sparrow, James Sparrow, Peter Spencer and Cp't John Langdon Jun<sup>r</sup>, and do grant to them the said admitted Grantees, the said Eight forfeited Shares to be equally divided to and amongst them, and to be held & possess'd by them their Heirs & Assigns on the same Conditions Reservations and Duties by which the other Grantees hold & are subject to: And have of our further Grace and Favour suspended our claim of the forfeiture which the said Grantees may have Incurred, and by these Presents



Subject JAMES HICKEY of Gosport in the County of Rockingham and Province aforesaid Merch<sup>t</sup> & to his Heirs and Assigns for Ever a certain Tract or Parcel of Land containing by admeasurement FIVE HUNDRED Acres, situate lying and being in the South Westerly angle of the Township of Lempster in our said Province as by a Plan or Survey thereof, (exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands, for our said Province, by our said Governor's Order, & returned into the Secretary's Office of our said Province, a Copy whereof is hereunto Annexed) may more fully and at large appear, butted & bounded as follows, Viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at a Beech Tree being the Southwesterly corner Bound of the Township called Lempster, from thence running East Two hundred & Fifty Rods, thence North Three Hundred & Twenty Rods, thence west Two hundred & Fifty Rods, thence South Three Hundred and Twenty Rods to the Bounds first mentioned To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above express'd to him the said James Hickey and to his heirs and assigns for ever, upon the following Terms Conditions & Reservations. Viz<sup>t</sup>.

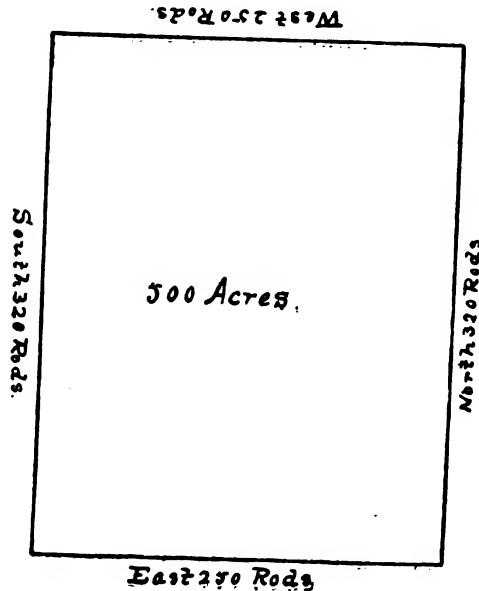
FIRST That the said Grantee shall clear & make passable for Carriages &c. a Road of Three Rods wide thro' the said Tract as shall be at any Time hereafter directed or order'd by the Governor & Council aforesaid: which Road shall be completed in One Year \*from the date of such Order or Direction, on Penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant, and of its reverting to us our Heirs & Successors. \*4-127

SECONDLY. That the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be settled Two Families in Two Years from the date of this Grant; in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon & regranted to any of our loving Subjects who shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

THIRDLY. That all White and other Pine Trees fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use & None to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, on Penalty of the forfeiture of the right of the Grantee in the Premises, his Heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.

FOURTHLY. That any part of the said Tract, appearing to be well adapted to the growth of Hemp or Flax the said Grantee shall sow & continue annually to cultivate a due proportion of the





A Copy By

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

## LINCOLN.

[Granted January 31, 1764, to James Avery and others. This territory and that of Franconia were appropriated in a new grant to Sir Francis Bernard and others, June 8, 1772. This was done on the claim of a forfeiture of the first grant. The decision of the courts in the case of Landaff and Dartmouth College was fatal to the claim of forfeiture in similar cases. A part of Lincoln was annexed to Landaff July 2, 1845.]

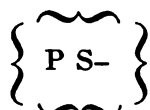
See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 464; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 277, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 404; Index to Laws, 291; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 433; Lawrence's New Hampshire Churches, 1856, p. 581; grant to John Goffe, with Woodstock papers; An Ascent of Mt. Kinsman, by Gortend Lanza, 2, Appalachia, 168; Mt. Liberty, by E. C. Pickering, 1, *id.*, 122; Loon Pond Mountain, by L. D. Pychowsky, 2, *id.*, 284.]

## [LINCOLN CHARTER, 1764.]


\*3-90      \*Province of New-Hampshire.

Lincoln

GEORGE, THE THIRD,



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By the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &amp;c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come,*  
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KNOW Ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, in *New-England*, and of Our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy one equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement 24000 Acres, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Beginning at the North Westerly Corner Bounds of the Township of Peeling thence Runing by Peeling South fifty five Degrees East about Seven Miles to the North Easterly Corner Bounds thereof, then Turning off & Runing North Thirty Degrees East Six Miles, then Turning off & Runing North about fifty Eight Degrees West about seven Miles & three Quarters to the North Easterly Corner of Lansdoff a Township this Day Granted then Turning off again & Runing South about Twenty four Degrees West to the Bounds began at And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Lincoln And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with



said and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be \*opened \*3-91 and kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the Second Tuesday in March next which said Meeting shall be Notified by M<sup>r</sup> James Avery who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

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marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*. 1764

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1774 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber in Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the 31<sup>st</sup> Day of January In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and 64 And in the 4<sup>th</sup> Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,  
With Advice of COUNCIL,

T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 31-1764-

Recorded according to the Original Charter under the Province Seal

Ⓢ T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

\*3-92 \*Names of the Grantees of Lincoln Viz

James Avery	John Addington Jun <sup>r</sup>	Jabez Holmes
Jeremiah Clement	Oliver Rowell	Ezra Moo
James Hoit	Elijah Weeks	David Knap
Jabez Weed	Stephen Mangum	Henry Meed
Peter Finch	Valentine Rowell	Abraham Mead
Samuel Andrews	Jacob Conklin	John Dixson

David Slawson	William M <sup>o</sup> Horney	Daniel S <sup>t</sup> Johns
Eleazer Bowton	David Whiting	Hezekiah Wiat
Thadeus Hoit	Caleb Merril	Samuel Wiat
Azariah Wood	Seth Whitney	Samuel Waterbury
Reuben Stephens	Samuel Haight	Henry Wiat
Stephen Fountain	Joseph Foreman	Job S <sup>t</sup> John
John Pettit	John Tuttle	Ezra Bowton
Asa Jones	Reuben Reynolds Jun <sup>r</sup>	Jeremiah Finch
Samuel Sellut	Peter Smith	John Brown
Ebenezer Bowton	Abraham Ferris	Timothy Ladd
Seymore Bowton	Jabez Holmes	Joseph Hale
Zuriel Finch	Abraham Hoit The Hon <sup>ble</sup>	Rich <sup>d</sup> Wibird
Abner Barron	Josiah Riggs	Daniel Warner
David Bowton	Ebenezer Munson	John Nelson &
Robert Arnold	Noah Parkington	Theod <sup>r</sup> Atkinson j <sup>r</sup>
David Sanford	Abel Hoit	

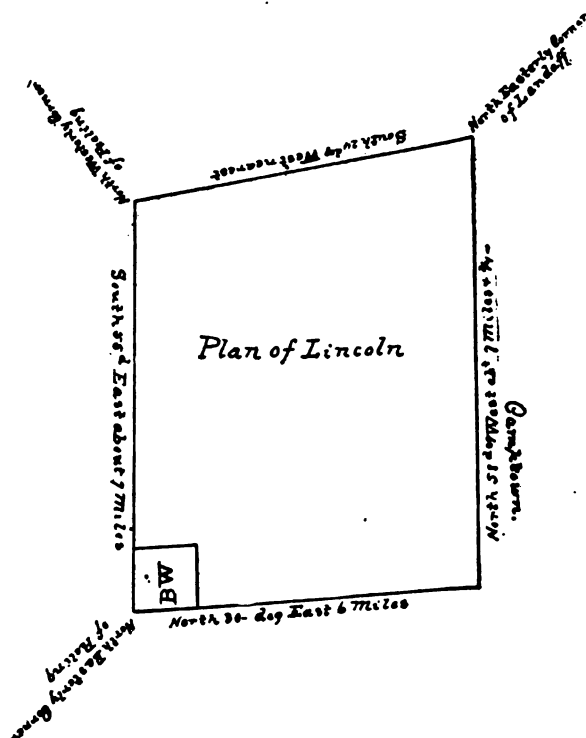
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Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 31-1764

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⌘ T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>



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[GRANT TO GILMAN AND WALDRON, 1772.]

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\*Province of New Hampshire.

{ Col<sup>o</sup> Gilman's & } GEORGE the THIRD by the Grace of  
 { M<sup>r</sup> Waldron's Grant. } God of Great Britain, France & Ireland  
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 ing.

KNOW YE, that we of our special Grace certain  
 knowledge and mere Motion for the due encouragement of settling

a New Plantation within our Province of New Hampshire by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our Governor & Commander in Chief of our said Province, & of our Council of the same, HAVE (upon the Conditions and Reservations herein particularly recited & expressed) given and granted & by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give & grant in Equal Shares unto our leige & loving Subjects PETER GILMAN & THOMAS WESTBROOK WALDRON, Inhabitants of our said Province, Esquires, & to their respective Heirs and Assigns for Ever, a certain Tract or Parcel of Land containing by admeasurement SIX THOUSAND Two Hundred & Sixty Acres of Land, situate, lying and being in our Province of New Hamps<sup>r</sup> aforesaid, as by a plan or Survey thereof (exhibited by our Surveyor Gen<sup>l</sup> of Lands for our said Province by our said Governor's Order & returned into the Secretary's Office of our said Province, a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed) may more fully and at large appear, butted & bounded as follows, Viz<sup>t</sup>. Beginning at a Beech Tree, being the South Westerly Corner Bound of a Township of Land within our said Province formerly called Lincoln, from thence running on the dividing line of said Lincoln & Landaff North Twenty Degrees East Two Miles, thence South Fifty eight degrees East Five Miles to a Stake, thence South Twenty degrees West Two Miles to a Stake, thence North Fifty Eight degrees West Five Miles to the bound began at. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed to them the said Peter Gilman & Thomas Westbrook Waldron & to their Heirs & Assigns for Ever upon the following Terms, Conditions and Reservations Viz<sup>t</sup>—

FIRST. That the said Grantee shall cut, clear, bridge & make passable for Carriages &c. a Road of Four Rods wide thro' the said Tract as shall be at any Time hereafter directed or order'd by the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Council aforesaid, which Road shall be completed in One Year from \*the Date of such Order or \*4-91 Direction of the Governor & Council aforesaid on Penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant & of its reverting to us our Heirs & Successors.

SECONDLY. That the said Grantees shall settle or cause to be settled Six Families in Seven Years from the date of this Grant; in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our Heirs & Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon & regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually Settle & cultivate the same.

THIRDLY. That all white and other Pine Trees fit for Masting

our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use & none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had & obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee his Heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs & Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.

FOURTHLY That any part of the said Tract appearing to be well adapted to the growth of Hemp or Flax, the said Grantees shall sow & continue annually to cultivate a due proportion of the said Land, not less than One hundred Acres in every Thousand Acres with that beneficial Article of Produce.

FIFTHLY. Yielding and Paying therefor to us our Heirs and Successors on or before the day of 17, the Rent of One Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded.

SIXTHLY. That the said Grantees their Heirs & Assigns shall yield & pay unto us our Heirs and Successors Yearly and every Year for Ever from & after the expiration of Ten Years from the date of this Grant ONE SHILLING Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns Settles or Possesses, & so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Land aforesaid; which Money shall be paid by the respective Proprietor Owner or Settler in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same: And these to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esq: our aforesaid GOVERNOR & Commander in Chief the Fifteenth day of June in the Twelfth Year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1772.

J<sup>r</sup> Wentworth.

\*4-92 \*By his Excellency's Command, with Advice of Council.  
Theodore Atkinson Secretary.

Recorded according to the Original Grant under the Province Seal this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 1772.

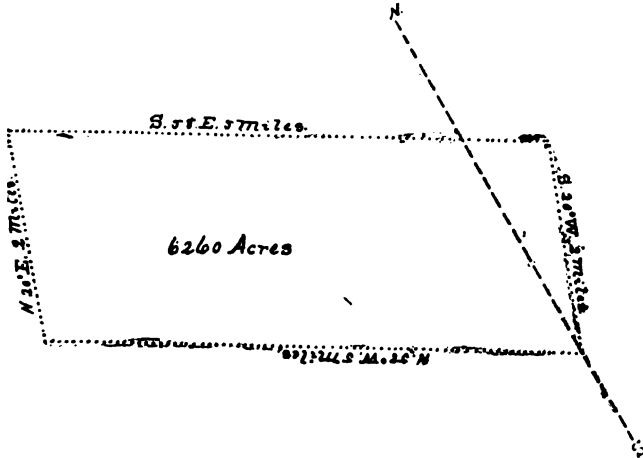
Attest<sup>r</sup> Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>r</sup>

Province of New Hampshire. Portsm<sup>o</sup>—10<sup>th</sup> June 1772.

These Certify that this Plan, Beginning at a beech Tree being the South Westerly Corner bound of a Tract or Township of Land formerly called Lincoln, from thence running on the dividing Line of said Lincoln & Landaff N<sup>o</sup> 20<sup>o</sup> E. 2 Miles, thence S.

58° E. 5 Miles to a Stake, thence S. 20. W. 2 Miles to a Stake, thence N. 58° W. 5 Miles to the bound began at. Contains 6260 Acres of Land & is known by a Plan or Survey of said Lincoln as taken & returned to me by M<sup>r</sup> Dudley Colman D<sup>y</sup> Surveyor.

Attest. Is. Rindge S. General :



## LISBON.

[Granted as *Concord* August 6, 1763, to Joseph Burt and others. The same territory was granted as *Chiswick* January 31, 1764, to John Fansher and others. The *Chiswick* grant was regarded as made by mistake and ineffectual. The grant of territory adjoining (now Littleton and Dalton) by the same name was supposed to be equivalent to the first *Chiswick*. Regranted as *Gunthwaite* October 20, 1768, to Leonard Whiting and others. The *Gunthwaite* title gave way, and the *Concord* grant finally prevailed. The name was changed to Lisbon June 14, 1824. The line with Franconia was established June 27, 1826. All that part of Landaff northwest of the Ammonoosuc River was annexed to Lisbon June 23, 1859.

See papers under titles Landaff and Lincoln; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 277, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 404; Index to Laws, 291; Littleton Centennial Celebration, 305; Sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 435; sketch, by Samuel Emery, 10, *Granite Monthly*, 95; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 302; Baptist Churches in New Hampshire, by E. E.

Cummings, 1836, p. 15; Lawrence's New Hampshire Churches, 1856, p. 581; In the Heart of the White Mountains, by S. A. Drake, 1882, p. 248; Northern New Hampshire, by G. F. Bacon, 1890, p. 25; Life of Dan Young; Biographies of Lorenzo Sabine; Historical Collections in MSS., by Samuel W. Emery.]

[CONCORD CHARTER 1763.]

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\*Province of New-Hampshire.

Concord

GEORGE, THE THIRD,

{ P S — }

By the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.*

Know ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of NEW HAMPSHIRE, in *New-England*, and of our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, Twenty three thousand *Acres*, which Tract is to contain About Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Begining at the North East Corner of Bath which is the South East Corner of Lyman from thence runing South Sixty one degrees East Eight Miles from thence North thirty degrees East Eight Miles & one half Mile to the South East Corner of Lancaster from thence South Seventy deg<sup>s</sup> West Six Miles from thence North Twenty deg<sup>s</sup> West one Mile & Two Hundred & Thirty rods to the North



East Corner of Lyman from thence by the Easterly Side of Lyman to the Bounds first began at And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Concord And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy : And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the

And the other on the annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective

following the said and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be \*opened and kept one or more Days in \*2-505 each Week, as may be thought most advantageous to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the Third Tuesday of August Currant which said Meeting shall be Notified by Joseph Burt who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province ; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or Them Re-granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to

A photograph of a wooden bookshelf with several books. The spines of the books are visible, showing text such as "Date here", "Every", "rest", "Council", "shall be", "of all", "In T", "Providing", "Red: a", "ince, T", "One T", and "Google". The bookshelf is set against a blue background.

## \*The Names of the Grantees of Concord Viz

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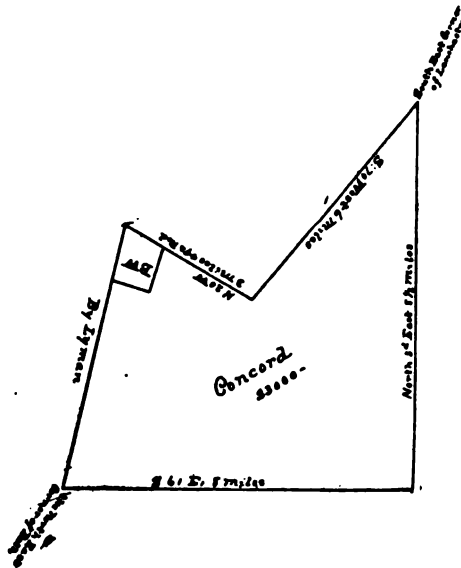
Joseph Burt	Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Severence jun <sup>r</sup>	Benj <sup>a</sup> Sheldon jun <sup>r</sup>
Aaron Burt	Stephen Balden	John Hubbard
Coll W <sup>m</sup> Symes	Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Harvey	Timothy Root
Benj <sup>a</sup> Burt	Daniel Bull	Joseph Morsley
Will <sup>m</sup> Horskins	Sam <sup>l</sup> Hunt	Moses Harvey
Joseph Wheelwright	Jon <sup>a</sup> Hunt	Joseph Blanchard
Henry Horskins	Elisha Hunt	Maj <sup>r</sup> Rich <sup>d</sup> Emery
Christopher Horskins	Arad Hunt	Eldad Wright
Jon <sup>a</sup> Burt	Willard Stevens	Jon <sup>a</sup> Gillman
Enos Burt	Gideon Lyman	Joseph Lyman
Sam <sup>l</sup> Clark	Selah Wright	Asel Burt
Oliver Warner	Phinehas Lyman	Sam <sup>l</sup> Root
John Moffat	Sam <sup>l</sup> Wiere	Philip Mattoon
John Smith	Elijah Lyman	Nathan Harvey
Ruben Smith	Jon <sup>a</sup> Warner	Hon <sup>ble</sup> Mark Hunk <sup>r</sup> Wentworth
Eleaz <sup>r</sup> Burt	Hezekiah Elmer	James Nevin
Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Walbridge	Savage Truscott	Dan <sup>el</sup> Warner & W <sup>m</sup> Temple
Josiah Pumroy	James Mathews	} Esq <sup>r</sup>
Shammah Pumroy	Silas Hambleton	
Eliphaz Right	W <sup>m</sup> Lang	
Eleaz <sup>r</sup> Pumroy	Medad Pumroy	
Elijah Mattoon	Woolston Brockway	
Hophny King	Phinehas Wright	

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq a Tract of Land of Five Hundred Acres as marked in the Plan B=W=which is to be accounted Two of the within Shares One Share for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts one Share for A Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established one Share for the first Settled Minister in Said Town & one for A School there for ever—

Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> August 6—1763

Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter of Concord under the Province Seal

Ⓣ T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>r</sup>



Pro<sup>v</sup> of New Hamp<sup>t</sup> August 6—1763  
 Recorded from the Back of the original Charter of Concord  
 under y<sup>e</sup> Pro<sup>v</sup> Seal

W<sup>m</sup> T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

[CHISWICK CHARTER, 1764.]

\*3-94 \*Province of New-Hampshire.

Chiswick

{ P. S. }

GEORGE, THE THIRD,

By the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and  
 Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come,  
 Greeting.*

Know Ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge,  
 and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New  
 Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our  
 Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our  
 Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of *New-*

*Hampshire*, in *New-England*, and of Our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy two equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, 24,000 Acres, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Beginning at the North Easterly Corner of Bath which is also the South Easterly Corner of Lyman & also the North westerly Corner of Landolf, thence Runing South about Sixty two Degrees East by Landoff as that Runs to the North Easterly Corner thereof, then turning off & Running North twenty four Degrees East five Miles & one half Mile, then turning off again & Runing on a Streight Line to the North Easterly Corner of Lyman aforesaid then turning off again & Runing by Lyman aforesaid as that Runs, to the South Easterly Corner thereof the Bounds began at And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Chiswick And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the

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 annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said

and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be \*opened and \*3-95 kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the Second Tuesday in March next

which said Meeting shall be Notified by Lieutenant John Fansher who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*. 1764

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the above-said twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1774 *One*

*shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the 31<sup>st</sup> Day of January In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty four And in the Fourth Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By HIS EXCELLENCY's Command,  
With Advice of COUNCIL,

T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> 1764—  
Recorded according to the Original Charter under the Province Seal

Ⓢ T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

\*Names of the Grantees of Chiswick—(Viz)

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John Fansher	Caleb Chapman	Jeremiah Clements
Jeremiah Clements	John Fansher Jun <sup>r</sup>	Peter Meed
Joseph Lockwood	Joseph Lockwood	Daniel S <sup>t</sup> John
Reuben Lockwood	Asa Jones	Michail Wareing
Benjamin Jones	Samuel Ferris	Jeremiah Finch
James Hoit	James Avery	Samuel Waterbury
Gilbert Lyons	Samuel Avery	Thomas Mooit
James Lyons	Ebenezer Scofield	Jeremiah Gifford
Christopher Avery	Admer Stevens	Mathew Bowton
Reuben Lockwood	John Dan	Hezekiah Bowton
Ebenezer Lockwood	Christopher Avery	John Dixson
William Avery	Palms Avery	William Reed
Solomon Avery	Benjamin Giles	Mathew Saymore
William Billings	John Hoit	Samuel Bowton
Jonathan Pierce	Nathan Gallop	Jahial Bowton
Abraham Slawson	Benadam Gallop	Bernard Farrand
William Fansher	Jesse Pearson	Theophilus Rogers
John Fansher	Amos Meed	Uriah Rogers

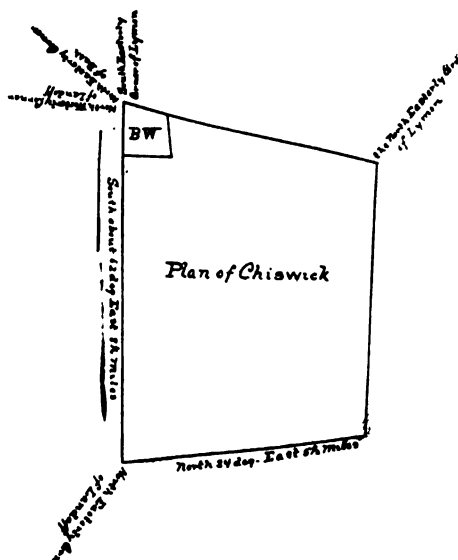
James Lyons	Walter Norris	Joseph Rose	} Esq <sup>r</sup>
Ebenezer Green	Samuel Stockwell	The Hon <sup>ble</sup> Theodore	
John Ambler	William Goit	[Atkinson	
William Stone	Gershom Breed	Mark H <sup>s</sup> Wentworth	
		James Nevin	

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq a Tract of Land to Contain five Hundred Acres as Mark B W in the Plan which is to be accounted two of the within Shares. One whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts. One whole Share for a Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established. One Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel & One Share for the Benefit of a School in Said Town for Ever.—

Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> 1764

Recorded according to the Original Charter under the Province Seal

T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>—



Prov N Hamp<sup>r</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> 1764

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## [GUNTHTWAITE CHARTER, 1768.]

\*Province of New } GEORGE the third by the Grace of  
 Hampshire } God of Great Britain France and \*1-311  
 Gunthwaite Charter Ireland King Defender of the faith  
 and so forth.

KNOW YE that we of our special Grace certain knowledge and mere motion for the due encouragement of settling a new Plantation within our said Province, by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> Our Governor & Command<sup>r</sup> in Cheif of our said Province of New Hampshire in New England, and of our Council of the said Province; have upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made given and granted, & by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors do give and grant in equal Shares unto our loving Subjects Inhabitants of our said Province of New Hampshire and our other Governm<sup>t</sup> who have Petitioned us for the same setting forth their readiness to make immediate Settlement, and to their heirs & Assigns for ever, whose names are entered on this Grant to be divided to and amongst them into NINETY FOUR equal Shares, all that tract or parcel of land known by the name of Concord, Situate, lying & being within our said Province of New Hampshire, containing by Admeasurement Twenty Six thousand one hundred & twenty nine Acres which is to contain something more than Six miles square & no more, out of which an allowance is to be made for highways and unimproveable lands, by Rocks, Ponds, mountains and Rivers, one thousand & forty Acres free according to a Plan and survey thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General by our said Governor's Order, and Returned into the Sec<sup>y</sup> Office a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed butted & bounded as follows, Viz<sup>t</sup>: Begining at the Northeasterly corner of Bath which is also the Northwesterly corner of Landoff, thence runing South Sixty two degrees east eight miles and thirty six Rods by Landoff aforesaid to the Northwesterly corner of Lincoln, which is the southwesterly corner of Franconia, thence North Twenty four degrees East by Franconia five miles and one half mile to a spruce tree marked, thence North Fifty seven degrees 30' west Six miles and one quarter of a mile to the North easterly corner of Lyman to a maple tree marked, thence South Forty two degrees west to the bounds first abovementioned. To have and to hold the said tract of land as \*above expressed, together with all Privileges \*1-312 and Appurtenances to them and their respective heirs

and Assigns for ever, by the name of GUNTHTWAITE upon the following Conditions Viz<sup>t</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> That the said Grantees shall Settle or cause to be settled TWELVE Families who shall be actually cultivating some part of the land & resident thereon on or before the first day of October 1769 & to continue making further and Additional improvement, Cultivation and Settlement of the Premises so that there shall be actually Setled and Resident thereon Sixty Families by the first day of March 1775, on Penalty of the forfeiture of such delinquent's share and of such Share's reverting to us our heirs and successors, to be by us or them entered upon and regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually Settle and Cultivate the same.

2<sup>nd</sup> That all white & other pine trees within the said Township fit for masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use & none to be cut or felled without our special Licence for so doing first had & obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the right of such Grantee his heirs and Assigns to us our heirs and successors as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are or hereafter shall be enacted.

3<sup>rd</sup> That before any division of the land be made to and among the Grantees a tract of land as near the centre of the said Township as the land will admit of shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

4<sup>th</sup> Yielding and paying therefor to us our heirs and successors on or before the first day of October 1769 the rent of one ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded.

5<sup>th</sup> That every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant shall yield and pay unto us our heirs and successors yearly and every year for ever from & after the expiration of one year from the abovesaid first day of October namely on the first day of October which will be in the year of our Lord 1770 One Shilling Procl<sup>a</sup> Money for every hundred Acres, he so owns settles or Possesses and so in

\*1-313 proportion for a greater or lesser tract of \*the said Land, which money shall be paid by the respective Persons aforesaid, their heirs or Assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsm<sup>o</sup> or to such officer or officers as shall be appointed to receive the same, and this to be in lieu of all other rents and services whatsoever.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed WITNESS John Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup>

our Governor & Command<sup>r</sup> in Cheif of our said Province, the  
20<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our lord Christ 1768 and in the  
eighth year of our Reign.

J<sup>r</sup> Wentworth

By his Excellency's Command  
with advice of Council

T : Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

{ L. S. }

Recorded according to the Original under the Province Seal,  
this 20<sup>th</sup> Octob<sup>r</sup> 1768

Attest : T : Atkinson J<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

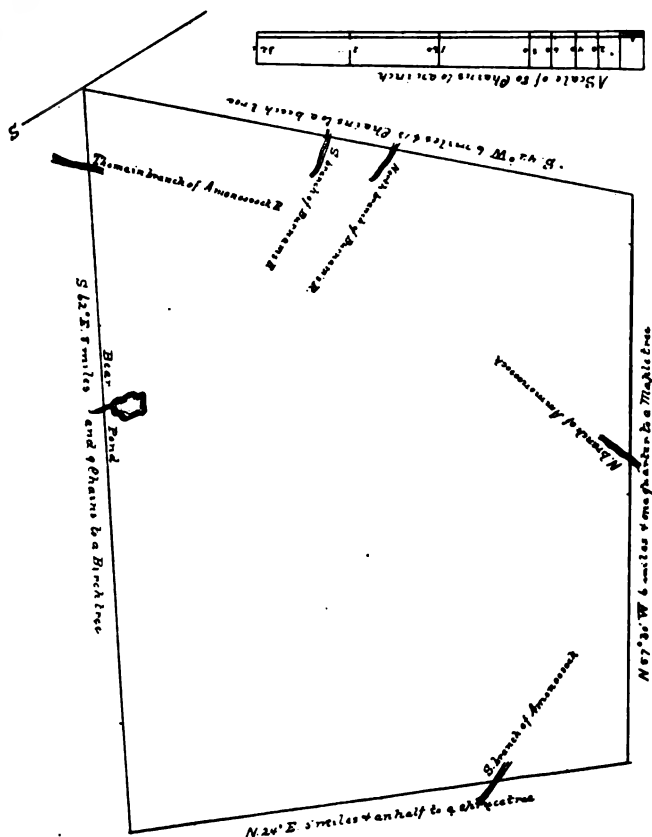
NAMES of the Grantees of the Township of GUNTHWAITE.

Leonard Whiting	Nath <sup>l</sup> Tuttle	Richard Jenness 3 <sup>d</sup>
Benj <sup>a</sup> Whiting	James King	Zadock Davis
William Shattock	Paul Gates	Richard Whitney
John Hadley	John Robbins	John Mears
John Hadley Jun <sup>r</sup>	John Robbins Jun <sup>r</sup>	Oliver Sterns
Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Hadley	Oliver Hartwell	Charles Furbush
John Lawrance	Isaac Whitcomb	James Haskell
Samuel Gilbert	Robert Whitcomb	Jonathan Moulton
Isaac Spaulding	Jerem <sup>h</sup> Temple	Richard Jenness 3 <sup>d</sup>
Rich <sup>d</sup> Goldsmith	John Trull	Zadoc Davis
Josiah Goldsmith	David Trull	Richard Whitney
Jeremiah Goldsmith	Samuel Haseltine	John Mears
Isaac Russell	Timothy Browne	Oliver Sterns
William Russell	Amos Stickney	Charles Furbush
Eliphalet Densmoor	Joseph Baker	Aaron Blanchard
Israel Reed	William Baker	Jacob Tilton
Samuel Rogers	Parker Underwood	Edmund Hobart
Ebenezer Richardson	Thomas Baker	Samuel Hunt
John Flint	John Porter	Peter Hunt
Oliver Whiting	Samuel Porter	Abel Lawrence
Moses Worster	Job Dodge	The Hon : Daniel Warner
Will <sup>m</sup> Worster	Jonas Minot	M <sup>r</sup> H <sup>s</sup> Wentworth
Eldad Worster	Joseph Lawrence	James Nevin
Thomas Clerk	Abner Kent Jun <sup>r</sup>	Jon <sup>a</sup> Warner
John Fox	Timothy Underwood	Robert Temple
Oliver Warren	Samuel Dudley	Cpt John Clark
Israel Hinds	Stephen Dudley	Rev <sup>d</sup> D <sup>r</sup> Samuel Langdon
Robert Harris	Jon <sup>a</sup> Oaks	Robert Blunt of London
Samuel Corey	Samuel Meeds	John Parker
Daniel Brewster	Lemuel Burton	Jacob Hurd

James Stoodley Esq<sup>r</sup> Benj<sup>a</sup> Mackay Daniel Kent  
 Barth<sup>w</sup> Stavers } 500 Acres to Satisfy these two Shares, to be  
 John Nelson } laid out in S<sup>o</sup> W. corner  
 Godfrey Bosville of London

\*I-314 \*One whole Share for the incorporated Society for the  
 Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, one whole  
 Share for a Glebe for the Church of England by Law established,  
 one Share for the first settled Minister, and one Share for the bene-  
 fit of a school in said town.

Province of New Hampshire } Octob<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1768 Recorded  
 according to the Original Grantees, entered on the back of the  
 charter of Gunthwaite Attest : T : Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>ry</sup>



This Plan represents the Township formerly called Concord.  
Province of New Hamps<sup>r</sup> Portsm<sup>o</sup> Oct: 17<sup>th</sup> 1768.

These Certify that this Plan of Concord containing 26129 Acres  
3 roods and 27 perches is a true Copy of an original Plan or Sur-  
vey of said Township as taken & returned by M<sup>r</sup> Elijah King  
D<sup>r</sup> S<sup>r</sup>

Attest:  $\varnothing$  Is: Rindge S. G<sup>l</sup>—

Province of New Hampshire Octob<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1768

Recorded from the Original Plan annexed to the Charter of  
Gunthwaite.

Attest: T: Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>ry</sup>

## LITCHFIELD.

[This was originally a part of Old Dunstable, known as *Naticook* or *Brenton's Farm*. Granted by Massachusetts July 9, 1729, to John Richardson and others. The present name was adopted July 3, 1734. Incorporated as Litchfield June 5, 1749.

See Massachusetts Charters preceding; papers under title Dunstable; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 467; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 414; Index to Laws, 292; sketch, by E. F. McQuesten, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 486; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 190; History of the Old Township of Dunstable, by C. J. Fox, 1846, p. 220; Some Old Burial Places, by A. C. Andrews, 5, Granite Monthly, 115.]

[LITCHFIELD INCORPORATED, 1749.]

\*Province of New Hampshire.

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George the Second by the Grace of God of  
Great Brittain France & Ireland King Defender  
of the Faith &c<sup>a</sup>

{ Prov:  
Seal }

To all to whom these Presents Shall Come Greet-  
ing—

Lytchfield  
Charter

Whereas Sundry of our Loyal Subjects Inhabitants  
of a Tract of Land within the Antient Boundarys of  
A Town called old Dunstable in our Province of New Hampshire  
on the Easterly Side of Merrimack River herein after Discribed  
have humbly Petitioned & requested of us That they may be

Errected & Incorporated into A Town Ship & Infranchized with the Same Powers Authorities and Previledges which other Towns within our Said Province by Law have & Enjoy And it Appearing to us to be Conducive to the General good of our Said Province as well as of the Said Inhabitants in Perticuler by maintaining good order and Encourageing the Culture of the Land That the Same Should be done—

Know YE therefore That We of our Especial Grace Certain Knowledge and for the Encourageing & Promoteing the good Purposes and Ends afore Said by & with the Advice of our Trusty & well beloved BENNING WENTWORTH Esq Our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff and of our Council for our Said Province Have Errected Incorporated and ordained And by these Presents for us our heirs And Successors Do will & ordain That the Inhabitants of the Tract of Land afores<sup>d</sup> (Bounded as follows) Viz Begining one Mile & Eighty rods North of the South Corner of Londonderry Township on the West Side of Said Town & to run from thence North on the West Side of Said Londonderry five Miles & Seven furlongs & Twelve rodds & a half then North Twenty one Degrees West to Merrimack River then Down Said River till it meets with a West Line by the Needle that comes from the Place where it began—and that Shall Inhabit the Same be & by these Presents Are Declared & ordained to be a Town Corporate And Are hereby Errected & Incorporated into a body Polittick and a Corporation to Have Continuance for ever by the name of Lytchfield with All the Powers & Authorities Previledges Immunities and Franchizes which Other Towns within Said Province

\*1-42 or \*Any of them by Law have & Enjoy To have & to Hold the Said Powers And Authorities Immunities and Franchizes to them the Said Inhabitants & their Successors for ever Always Reserveing to us our heirs & Successors all white Pine Trees growing & being and that Shall hereafter grow & be on Said Tract of Land for the use of our Royal Navy reserveing alsoe the Power of Divideing the Said Town to us our heirs & Successors when it Shall Appear necessary or Convenient for the benefit of the Inhabitants thereof. And as the Severall Towns within our Said Province Are by Laws thereof Enabled And Authorized to Assemble & by the majority of Votes to Choose all Such officers as Are mentioned in the Said Laws We do by these Presents Nominate And Appoint John Macmurphy Esq to Call the first meeting of the Said Inhabitants to be held within the Said Town at any Time within thirty Days from the Date hereof give-

ing Legall Notice of the Time Place & Design of Holding Such Meeting In Testimony Whereof We have Caused the Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto Affixed Wittness BENNING WENTWORTH Esq our Governour & Comander in Chieff of our Said Province the fifth Day of June in the year of our Lord Christ One thousand Seven hundred & forty Nine & in the Twenty Second year of Our Reign

B Wentworth

By his Excelencys Comand  
with Advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Entred & recorded According to the Original the Seventh Day  
of June 1749

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

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## LITTLETON.

[This was a part of *Cheswick*, (second grant, afterwards *Apthorp*.) which was granted Nov. 17, 1764, to James Avery and others. Regranted to *Apthorp* Jan. 18, 1770, to Moses Little and others, and named in the honor of George Apthorp, of London, England, one of the grantees. Dalton was set off from *Apthorp* and incorporated Nov. 4, 1784, and the remainder of the town was incorporated as Littleton at the same time, receiving its name in honor of Moses Little. As to first grant of territory under the charter title of *Chiswick* see Lisbon.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 123; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 277, and Littleton Centennial, 37, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 424; Index to Laws, 294; sketch, *Granite Monthly*, vol. 5, p. 292, vol. 7, p. 60, vol. 8, p. 254; *The White Hills*, by T. Starr King, 1859, Connecticut Valley, p. 373; *History of the Town*, A Fragment, MS., by Adams Moore, 1863; *Centennial Celebration*, 1884, pp. 328; *History*, in preparation under the direction of a committee of the town; sketch, by J. R. Jackson, *Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County*, 1886, p. 459; *Acts of the Anti-Slavery Apostles*, by Parker Pillsbury, 1883, pp. 88, 293; *Relations of Town and State*, address, 1884, by A. S. Batchellor, with appendix, pub. 1886, and three supplements, pub. 1887, 1888, 1894; *Lawrence's N. H. Churches*, 1856, p. 556; *Northern New Hampshire*, by G. F. Bacon, 1890, p. 3; *The Response of the Town at the Declaration of War in 1861*, by A. S. Batchellor, *Abbott's History of the First Regiment*, p. 75; *The War Album at the State House*, A Local Contribution, by A. S. Batchellor, 16 *Granite Monthly*, pp. 71, 168.]

## [CHISWICK CHARTER, 1764.]

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\*Province of New-Hampshire.

Chiswick

GEORGE THE THIRD,



By the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come,*  
Greeting.

KNOW YE, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, in *New-England*, and of Our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant to be divided to and amongst them into Fifty Three equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, 23040 Acres, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Begining at the North-westerly Corner of Lyman on Connecticut River & thence to Run back from said River on the Line of Lyman to North Easterly Corner of Lyman afore Said from thence to turne of & run South 70<sup>d</sup> East about Three Miles & 92 Rods by the Line of Concord then turning off & runing by Concord North 20 Deg<sup>s</sup> East ab<sup>t</sup> Six Miles to the South East Corner of the Town of Lancaster & then turning off & runing by Lancaster North 26 deg<sup>s</sup> West about 7 Miles to Connecticut River And then turning & runing down the river as that Runs to the aforesaid North Westerly Corner of Lyman aforesaid to the Bounds began at—And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of



Chiswick And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy : And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the

And the other on the annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said

and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be

\*opened and kept one or more Days in each Week, as \*3-127 may be thought most advantageous to the Inhabitants.

Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the first Wednesday in January 1765 which said Meeting shall be Notified by James Avery who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province ; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*. 1764

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1774 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the Seventeenth Day of November In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Four And in the Fifth Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By HIS EXCELLENCY's Command,  
With Advice of COUNCIL,

Theod<sup>r</sup> Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

Recorded from the Original Charter under the Pro<sup>r</sup> Seal this  
17<sup>th</sup> Novemb<sup>r</sup> 1764—

Ⓢ T Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>y</sup>

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\*Names of the Grantees of Chiswick

James Avery	Barnard Farrand	Solomon Morgan
Jeremiah Clement	Reuben Lockwood	John Baldwin
Benadam Gallop	Joseph Lockwood	John Fanchier
Nathan Gallop	Ebenezer Lockwood	John Fanchier Jun <sup>r</sup>
William Gallop	Benjamin Giles	William Fanchier

Humphrey Avery Jun <sup>r</sup>	Elijah Morgan	John Ambler
William Avery	Thomas Powers	Theophilus Rogers
Solomon Avery	Amos Mead	Uriah Rogers
Samuel Avery	Abraham Weed	Joseph Williams
Latham Avery	Nathaniel Weed	Tho <sup>s</sup> Prentis Gallop
James Avery	Francis Smith	Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Gallop
Palms Avery	Lemuel Smith	Asa Jones
Christopher Avery	Joseph Smith	Henry Gallop
Weightstill Avery	Isaac Smith	Humphrey Avery—
Isaac Avery	The Ho <sup>bl</sup> Theod <sup>r</sup> Atkinson Esq	
William Billings	Ma <sup>k</sup> Hung <sup>k</sup> Wentworth Esq &	
	James Nevins	

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq a Tract of Land to Contain 500 Acres as marked B W—in the Plan which is to be Accounted two of the within Shares one whole Share for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospell in foreign Parts one whole Share for a Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established one Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospell & one whole Share for the Benefit of the School in Said Town forever—

Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 1764—Recorded from the Back of the Charter of Chiswick—

Attest<sup>r</sup>      T Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>r</sup>



## [APTHORP CHARTER, 1770.]

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\*Province of New Hampshire

(Apthorp.) **GEORGE** the Third by the grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King defender of the faith and so forth

To ALL Persons to whom these Presents shall come. Greeting—

WHEREAS we of our special grace certain knowledge and mere motion for the due encouragement of settling a new Plantation within our said Province of New Hampshire by our Letters Patent under the Seal of our said Province Dated the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November One thousand seven Hundred and Sixty four in the fourth year of our Reign Did grant a tract of Land bounded as therein expressed to a number of our loyal Subjects whose Names are enter'd on the same to hold to them their Heirs and Assigns on the

Conditions therein declared to be a Town Corporate by

\*4-34 the name of Chiswick as by reference to the \*said Patent or Charter may more fully appear. And whereas Moses Little Jun<sup>r</sup> of Newbury in the County of Essex & Province of the Massachusetts Bay Gentleman, Moses Little of Newburyport in said County Merchant, Israel Morey of Orford in the Province of New Hampshire Esq<sup>r</sup> and Alexander Phelps of Hebron in the County of Harford and Colony of Connecticut Esq<sup>r</sup> Purchasers of the said Tract of Land from the former Grantees (exclusive of those hereinafter mentioned) for a valuable Consideration; HAVE represented unto Us that by reason of the great Inconveniences which have arisen from the uncertainty of the Survey of said Tract, the want of Roads and the late great scarcity of Provisions, they have been unavoidably prevented from complying with the Terms of Cultivation and settlement of said Tract, although they have been at great expence in begin'ing the Cultivation thereof and have a reasonable prospect to complete the whole; but the grant aforementioned being now expired, and the Premises forfeited and acknowledged to revert to us our Heirs & successors, the said Moses Little Jun<sup>r</sup>, Moses Little, Israel Morey and Alexander Phelps purchasers as aforesaid are unable to proceed further herein and therefore pray that a grant may be made to them of the said Land by a certain Actual Survey & admeasurement for such further Time and upon such terms as they may safely proceed effectually to cultivate and settle the same. Now know Ye that we being willing to promote the end proposed Do of our fur-

ther grace and favour, and in consideration of the Premises by these Presents grant unto the said Moses Little Jun<sup>r</sup>, Moses Little, Israel Morey and Alexander Phelps Purchasers as aforesaid, and also to the following Persons the quantities of land respectively assigned to each of them Viz<sup>t</sup> The Honorable Benning Wentworth Esq a lot of five hundred Acres, Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>r</sup> a lot of five hundred Acres, Mark H<sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> a lot of five Hundred Acres, they being original Grantees in the former Grant of this tract; George Apthorp of London Esq<sup>r</sup> Nathaniel Carter, Benjamin Harris and Tristram Dalton all of Newbury Port and Samuel Adams of Boston who are admitted additional Grantees in in this our present Charter, the quantity of four hundred Acres each; also four hundred Acres\* to the Society for \*4-35 the Propagation of the gospel in fforeign Parts; and to their Heirs and Assigns forever; the said Tract of Land containing by admeasurement only forty thousand Eight hundred & fifty acres and forty eight rods, as by a plan of an accurate Survey thereof exhibited by our Surv<sup>r</sup> General of Lands for our said Province by our Governor's Order and returned to the Sec<sup>ry</sup> Office a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed may more fully appear, butted and bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> Begin'ing at the North westerly corner bounds of the Township of Lyman, on the bank of Connecticut River, thence running according to the general course of said River North Seventy five degrees East 'till it comes to the South westerly corner of the Township of Lancaster on the bank of said River, then turning off and running South Twenty Six degrees East four miles to a Stake, then turning off and running South fifty six degrees West Ten Miles and seventy Chains [to a] tree marked in the line of the Township of Gunthwaite, then turning off again and running North fifty seven degrees and one half West three miles and forty eight Chains by Gunthwaite to a tree being the South westerly corner of Lyman aforesaid, then pursuing the course of Lyman line Viz<sup>t</sup> North fifty seven degrees West Six miles to the South Westerly corner thereof the bounds first mentioned. To HAVE and to hold the said Tract of Land as above expressed with all the Priviledges and Appurtenances to them the said Grantees and their respective heirs and Assigns for ever, by the name of Apthorp upon the following terms, Conditions and reservations to be performed and duly complied with by the expiration of four Years from the date hereof Viz<sup>t</sup> FIRST. That the said Grantees shall settle or cause to be settled

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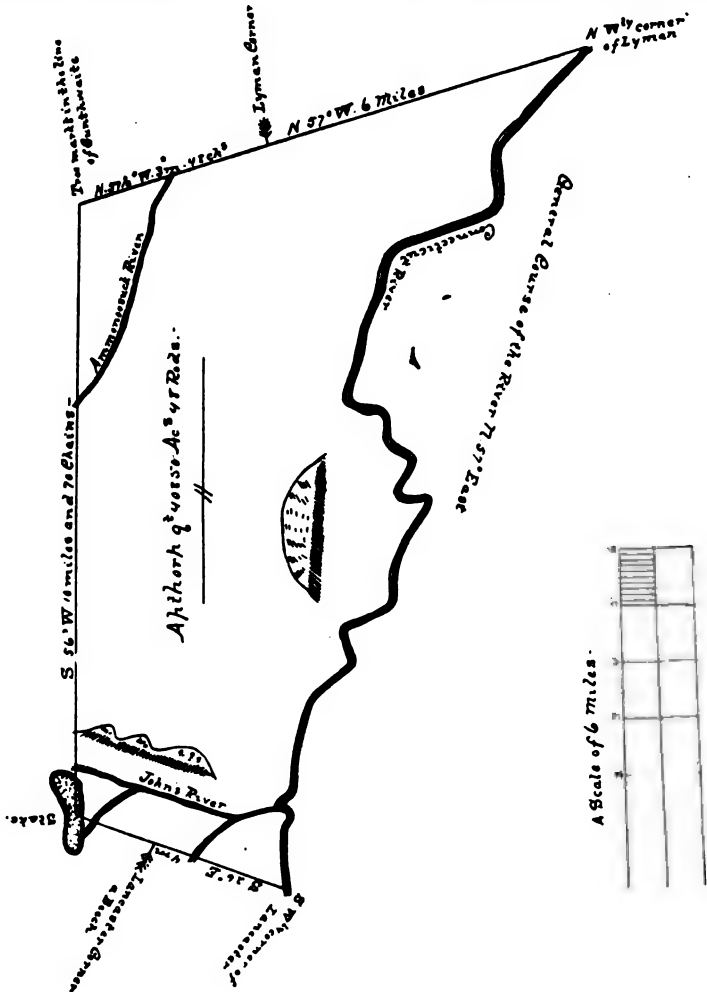
J<sup>r</sup> { L.S. } Wentworth.

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Province of New Hampshire 20<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1770

Recorded according to the Original Charter of Apthorp under  
the Province Seal.

Att: Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>



Province of New Hampshire January 18<sup>th</sup> 1770—

These Certify that this Plan of Apthorp Viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at the N. W<sup>y</sup> corner Bounds of the Township of Lyman on the bank of Connecticut River, thence running according to the General course of said River N. 75° E. 'till it comes to the S. W<sup>y</sup> corner of the Township of Lancaster on the bank of said River, then turning off & running S. 26° E. 4 miles to a stake, then turning off & running S. 56° W. 10 m. & 70 ch<sup>s</sup> to a Tree marked in the line of the Township of Gunthwaite, then turning off again and running N. 57½° W. 3 m. 48 ch<sup>s</sup> by Gunthwaite to a tree being the S. W<sup>y</sup> corner of Lyman aforesaid, then pursuing the course of Lyman Line, Viz<sup>t</sup> N° 57° W. 6 Miles to the N. W<sup>y</sup> corner thereof the bounds first mentioned. Contains 40,850 Acres & 48 Rods of Land, & is found by actual Survey of 3 miles & 48 ch<sup>s</sup> on the N° line of Gunthwaite & 6 miles on the N° line of Lyman, from thence by Conn<sup>t</sup> River to Lancaster S. W<sup>y</sup> Corner, thence S. 26° E. 4 miles, as taken & returned by Dudley Colman D<sup>r</sup> Surveyor—

Attest<sup>r</sup>  Is. Rindge S<sup>t</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>

[*Incorporation of Littleton and Dalton, 1784.*]

[*Mss. Acts, Vol. 5, p. 10.*]



State of New Hampshire

In the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty four—

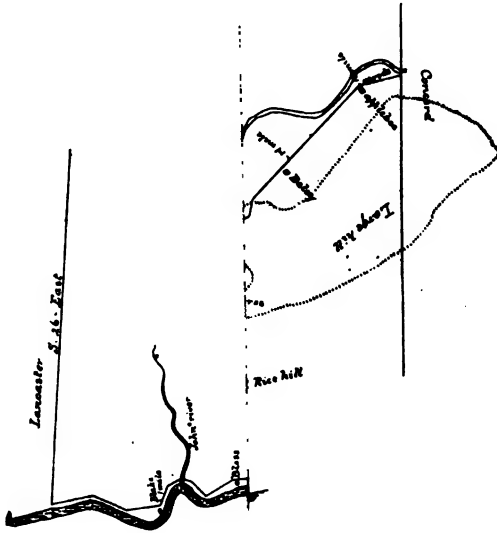
An Act

To divide the Town of Apthorp in the County of Grafton and State aforesaid and incorporate the same into two several Towns.—

Whereas Tristram Dalton and Nathaniel Tracey Esq<sup>rs</sup> have preferred a petition to the General Court of this State setting forth That the said Town of Apthorp is large and capable of being made into two Towns by a proper division; That in its present situation the settlement and cultivation thereof must be attended with great difficulty; That a division thereof would be exceedingly beneficial to the proprietors of said Town and to the Public.—And upon a hearing, the prayer of said petition appearing reasonable and just—

Therefore be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Represen-





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tatives in General Court convened That, the part of said Town included within the lines and boundaries, hereafter mentioned, that is to say, beginning at the easterly corner of said Town, thence running south fifty six degrees west, eighteen hundred Rods, on the Southeasterly line of said Town, thence turning off and running North twenty six degrees west about six miles more or less until it comes to Connecticut River, thence by said River Easterly until it comes to the Northerly corner of said Town, Thence turning off, and running North twenty six degrees east on the North easterly line of said Town, about five miles, until it comes to the easterly corner of said Town the bound began at.—Be, and hereby is erected and incorporated into a Town by the Name of Dalton; And the Inhabitants of said tract of land are erected into a body politic and corporate to have continuance and succession forever and are hereby invested with all the powers and infranchised with all the privileges, rights benefits and immunities which any Town in this State by law holds and enjoys; To hold to said Inhabitants and their Successors forever, and Capt John Young is hereby authorized and impowered to call a meeting of said Inhabitants for the purpose of choosing all necessary and customary Town Officers, giving fourteen days notice at least of the time, place, and design of such meeting, And the Officers then chosen shall be invested with all the powers and authority that the officers of any other Town in this State are by law invested with; And the annual meeting of said Inhabitants shall be held in said Town, for that purpose on the third Tuesday of March forever—

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the rest and residue of said Town of Apthorp, not included in the foregoing lines and boundaries, Be, and hereby is erected into a Town by the name of Littleton and the Inhabitants of said tract of land are erected into a body politic and corporate, to have continuance and Succession forever, and are hereby invested with all the powers and enfranchised with all the rights, privileges, benefits and immunities which any Town in this State, by law holds and and enjoys, to hold to the said Inhabitants and to their Successors forever—and Col<sup>o</sup> Timothy Bedel is hereby authorized and impowered to call a meeting of said Inhabitants for the purpose of choosing all necessary and customary town officers, giving fourteen days notice at least of the time, place and design of such meeting, And the Officers then chosen shall be invested with all the power and authority, that the officers of any other Town in this State are

by law invested with ; And the annual meeting of said Inhabitants, shall be held in said Town for that purpose on the third Tuesday of March forever.

State of New Hampshire } In the House of Representatives  
 Novem<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1784 The foregoing Bill, having been read a third time, Voted, that it pass to be Enacted.—

Sent up for Concurrence—

Geo : Atkinson Speaker

In Senate Novem<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1784—

This Bill was read a third Time & Voted that the same be enacted.

M Weare President

## LIVERMORE.

[This town was composed of land granted or sold to Jasper Elkins, Sargent and Elkins, Hatch and Cleaves, John Raymond, and Bean and Gilman. Incorporated July 11, 1876, and named in honor of the Livermore family.

See Deeds of State Land, ms. vol., in office of Secretary of State; Index to Laws, 295; Corbett *v.* Norcross *et als.*, 35 N. H. 99; Bartlett Land and Lumber Co. *v.* Saunders, 13 Otto (U. S. Supreme Court Reports,) 316; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 511; Mt. Tremont, by J. B. Henck, Jr., 1, Appalachia, 124; An Excursion from Mt. Whiteface to Greeley's by the Tri-Pyramid Ridge and Back Again via Black Mountain, by C. E. Fay, 6, *id.*, 342; Concerning the Name of Black Mountain, by C. E. Fay, 1, *id.*, 90; Unnamed Mountains between Mt. Hancock and Scar Ridge, by Warren Upham, 1, *id.*, 252; Mt. Carrigain, by C. E. Fay, 2, *id.*, 108; The Mountains between Saco and Swift Rivers, by J. R. Edwards, 3, *id.*, 57; Mts. Silver Spring and Tremont, by J. R. Edwards, 2, *id.*, 282; The East Branch of the Pemigewassett, by Warren Upham, 1, *id.*, 29; An Ascent of Scar Ridge, by F. W. Clarke and G. Lanza, 1, *id.*, 247; A Three Days Trip over the Hancock-Carrigain Range, by Webster Wells, 2 *id.*, 164; Paths to Black Mountain and Mt. Tecumseh, by W. Wells, 2, *id.*, 174; An Ascent of Mt. Nancy, by A. Matthews, 3, *id.*, 280; Excursion over Mts. Nancy, Anderson, and Lowell, by E. B. Cook, 4, *id.*, 262.]

## [GRANT TO STEPHEN HOLLAND, 1770.]

\*Province of New Hampshire.

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Stephen Holland's } GEORGE the THIRD by the Grace of GOD  
 Grant } of Great Britain France and Ireland KING  
 Defender of the faith and so forth.

{ L. S. }

To ALL to whom these presents shall come  
 GREETING—

WHEREAS we have tho't fit by our Proclamation at Saint James's the seventh day of October in the Third year of our Reign Annoque domini 1763, (among other Things to testify our Royal sense and approbation of the conduct and bravery of the Officers and Soldiers of our Armies & signified our desire to reward the same, and have therein Commanded and Empowerd our several Governors of our respective Provinces on the Continent of America to Grant without fee or reward to such reduced Officers as have served in North America during the late War and to such Private Soldiers as have been or shall be disbanded there, and Shall personally apply for the same such quantities of Land respectively as in and by our Proclamation aforesaid are particularly mentioned subject nevertheless to the same Quit Rents and conditions of cultivation and Improvement as other our Lands are subject to in the Province in which they are Granted. And whereas STEPHEN HOLLAND of Londonderry in our said Province Esq<sup>r</sup> had our Appointment as Lieutenant and serv'd during the late War, and is now reduced and he having personally applied and solicited for such Grant agreeable to our aforesaid Proclamation. KNOW YE that we of our special grace certain knowledge and mere motion do signify our Approbation as \*aforesaid and for encouraging the settlement & culti- \*I-368  
 vation of our Lands within our said Province of New Hampshire in New England HAVE by and with the advice of our Trusty & well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province and of our Council of the same, (agreeable to our aforesaid in part recited Proclamation, and upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after mentioned,) given and granted and by these presents for us our heirs and Successors do give and grant unto the said Stephen Holland & to his heirs and Assigns for Ever a certain Tract of Land containing by admeasurement Two thousand Acres lying & being within our Province aforesaid as by a Plan or Survey

thereof exhibited by our Survey<sup>r</sup> General of Lands for our said Province by our said Governor's Order and returned into the sec<sup>m</sup> office of our said Province, a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows. Viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at a beech Tree in y<sup>e</sup> East<sup>r</sup> side line of Thornton 81 R<sup>d</sup> from y<sup>e</sup> N<sup>h</sup> side of a brook there call<sup>d</sup> the East branch & running South Sixteen and an half degrees East three miles and forty Rods to a beech Tree, from thence North seventy three and an half degrees to a spruce Tree, from thence North Sixteen & an half degrees West three miles and forty Rods to a spruce Tree, from thence South Seventy three and an half degrees West to the bounds began at: and also a strip of Land at y<sup>e</sup> North<sup>r</sup> end of the above described Premises, of one mile in length and Eighty one Rods in Breadth, as by the prick'd line in the Plan annexed is described. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed to him the said Stephen, and to his heirs and Assigns for Ever, upon the following Terms, Conditions and Reservations Viz<sup>t</sup>—

FIRST—That the said Grantee shall cut, clear & make passable for Carriages &c. a Road of Three Rods wide thro' the said Tract as shall at any time hereafter be directed or order'd by the Governor and Council afores<sup>d</sup> which Road is to be completed in Two years from the date of such Order or direction aforesaid on penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the said Grantee and of it's reverting to us our Heirs and Successors.

SECOND—That the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be settled three Families in three Years from the date of this Grant, in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon and regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle & cultivate the same.

\*I-369 \*THIRD That all white and other Pine Trees being and growing within and upon the said Tract of Land fit for masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use and none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained on penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee in the said Tract his heirs and Assigns to us our heirs & Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.

FOURTH Yielding and paying therefore to us our heirs and successors on or before the first day of March 1779, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if Lawfully demanded.

FIFTH That the said Grantee his heirs or Assigns shall yield and pay unto us our heirs and Successors yearly and every year

for Ever from and after the expiration of One year from the above-said First day of March 1779, namely on the first day of March which will be in the Year of our Lord Christ 1780, ONE SHILLING Proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he so Owns Settles or Possesses, and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Land aforesaid; which Money shall be paid by the respective Owner, Settler or Proprietor as aforesaid, in our Council Cham: in Portsm<sup>o</sup> or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and these to be in lieu of all other Rents and services whatsoever.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esq. our afores<sup>d</sup> Governor and Commander in Chief the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March in the 10<sup>th</sup> year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1770.—

J.' Wentworth

By his Excell<sup>cy</sup>s Command }  
with advice of Council }

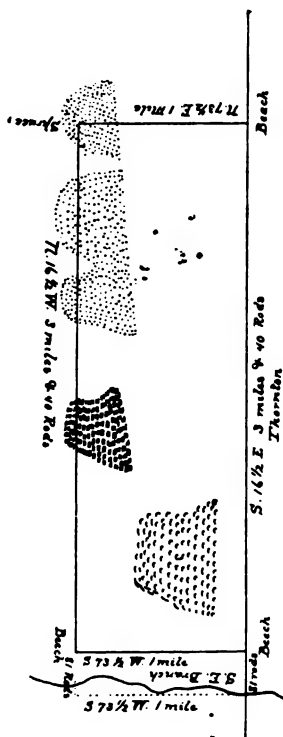
Theodore Atkinson Sec'y

Province of New Hampshire, 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 1770—

Recorded accord<sup>s</sup> to the Original Grant under the Province Seal.  
Att<sup>t</sup> Theod<sup>r</sup> Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Province of New Hampshire Portsm<sup>o</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> March 1770. These Certify that this Plan Beginning at a Beech Tree, & running S<sup>o</sup> 16½<sup>o</sup> E. 3 miles and 40 Rods to a Beech Tree, from thence N. 73½<sup>o</sup> E. to a spruce Tree, from thence N. 16½<sup>o</sup> W. 3 miles & 30 Rods to a Spruce Tree from thence S. 73½<sup>o</sup> W to the bounds began at. contains 2000 Acres of Land & is a True Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Tract as taken and returned to me by John Tolford D<sup>y</sup> S<sup>r</sup> & that the land represented by the dotted lines contains 160½ Acres & is laid down by Order of His Excell<sup>cy</sup> John Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> of said Prov<sup>o</sup>

Attest<sup>d</sup> Is: Rindge sur<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>



## LONDONDERRY.

[Formerly known as *Nutfield*. Granted June 21, 1722, to John Moor and others, and named Londonderry from Londonderry in Ireland. The town was divided into two parishes Feb. 25, 1739-40. This act was partially repealed Nov. 6, 1778, and the bounds changed April 16, 1784. Windham was set off and incorporated as a parish Feb. 12, 1741-2. The northwest portion of the town, with other territory, was incorporated as Derryfield (now Manchester), Sept. 3, 1751. A portion was annexed to Hudson, March 6, 1778. Another part of the



town was annexed to Windham Sept. 26, 1777, and Samuel Clark, with his estate, was also set off to Windham Nov. 26, 1778. The line between these two towns was established Nov. 22, 1782. A third section was annexed to Windham Dec. 25, 1805. Derry was set off and incorporated July 2, 1827. The line with Hudson was established June 27, 1857.

See Massachusetts charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 479; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 429; Index to Laws, 296; Farmer's Belknap's History of N. H., p. 191; Petition of Inhabitants, 1719, 5, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 206; Century Sermon, containing historical sketch of town, by Edward L. Parker, 1819, pp. 44; History, including Derry, by Edward L. Parker, 1851, pp. LV and 358; Celebration of 150th Anniversary, 1869, comp. by Robert C. Mack, 1870, pp. 124; Centennial Discourse, 1876, by Luther D. Pert, pp. 29; sketch by Robert C. Mack, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 565; sketch, 4, Granite Monthly, 125; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 12; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 88; Memoir of John Stark, by Caleb Stark, 1868; Characteristics of the First Settlers, 12, Farmers' Monthly Visitor, 373; Some Old Burial Places, by A. C. Andrews, 5, Granite Monthly, 118; The Scotch Irish and the Irish Scots, by John C. Linehan, 4, Granite Monthly, pp. 17, 50, 85; The Relations of the Irish Presbyterians to the Opposition in N. H. to the Adoption of the Federal Constitution, by Orrin Grant Libby, in Bulletin of the University of Wisconsin on the Geographical Distribution of the Vote of the Thirteen States on the Federal Constitution, 1787-'88, p. 9, Madison, Wis., published by the University, June, 1894.]

[LONDONDERRY CHARTER, 1722.]

\*GEORGE by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France \*I-II  
and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c<sup>a</sup>

{ Prov: } To ALL PEOPLE to whom these presents Shall  
{ Seal } come Greeting—

KNOW YE That we of our Special Knowledge & Londonderry meer motion for the Due Encouragement of Settling A new Plantation by & with the advise and Consent of Our Council Have given & Granted And by these Presents as far as in us lyes Do give & Grant in Equal Shares unto Sundry of our beloved Subjects whose names Are Entred unto A Schedule hereunto Annexed That Inhabit or Shall Inhabit within the S<sup>d</sup> Grant within our Province of New Hamps<sup>t</sup> All that Tract of Land within the following bounds being Ten miles Square or So much as amounts to Ten Miles Square & no more Beginning on the North East Angle at A beach Tree marked which is the South East Angle of Chester And running from thence due South on Kingston Line four Miles and an half And from thence on a West Line One Mile

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unto the S<sup>d</sup> Grantees that Yearly & every year upon the fifth day of march forever Except on the Lords day and then the monday next following they Shall meet to Ellect & Choose by the major part of the Ellectors present all Town officers According to the Laws And usage of Other Towns within our S<sup>d</sup> Province for the year Ensueing with Such powers Previlidges And Authorities as other Town officers in Our Province afores<sup>d</sup> do Enjoy as allsoe that on Every Wednesday in the Week forever they may hold keep & Enjoy A Market for the Selling And buying of Goods Wares Merchandize And all kind of Creatures, Endowed with the usual Previlidges Profits and Im'unities as Other Market Towns usually hold possess & Enjoy And Two fairs Annually forever the first to be held or kept within the S<sup>d</sup> Town on the Eighth Day of October next & So De Anno in Annum forever, And the Other on the Eighth day of May following in like manner—Provided if it Should So happen That if At Any time either of those days fall on the Lords day then the s<sup>d</sup> Fairs Shall be held & kept the day following, and that the s<sup>d</sup> fair Shall have hold & possess the Liberties Previlidges & Im'unities that other ffairs in other Towns usually possess hold and Injoy IN WITTNES wereof we have Caused the Seal of our S<sup>d</sup> Province to be hereunto affixed WITNESS Samuel Shute Esq Our Governour \*And Com'ander in 1-14\* Chief of Our S<sup>d</sup> Province the twenty first day of June Anno Domini 1722 And in the Eighth year of Our Reigne—

Sam<sup>n</sup> Shute—

By Advice of the Council

Rich<sup>d</sup> Waldron Cler: Con

A schedule of the names of the Proprietors of London Derry

Shares		Shares		Shares	
John Moor—	1	Rob <sup>t</sup> Willson—	1	Sam <sup>n</sup> Moor—	1
John Asbell—	1	James Doak—	1	Henry Green—	1
Abel Merrel—	1	Randal Alexand <sup>r</sup>	1	Rob <sup>t</sup> Doak—	1
Alex <sup>r</sup> Walker—	1	John Clark—	1	James Anderson—	1
James Alexander—	1	James Morrison—	1	John Mitchell	1
Archi <sup>d</sup> Clandennin—	1	John Barnard—	1	James Mckeen & Son	2
Jon <sup>a</sup> Tyler—	1	Alex <sup>r</sup> Nichols—	1	James Nicholls—	1
W <sup>m</sup> Nicholls—	1	W <sup>m</sup> Humphry—	1	John Barr & Sons—	2
David Crage & }		John Stewart—	1	Thomas Steel—	1
W <sup>m</sup> Gillmore }	2	Sam <sup>n</sup> Alleson—	1	John Morrison—	1
Rob <sup>t</sup> Wear—	1	Allen Anderson	1	M <sup>r</sup> McGregore & Sons	3
James Neasmoth	1	James Clark—	1	W <sup>m</sup> Gregg—	1



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Admitted Proprietors & Com'oners in the Town of London Derry with the Persons mentioned in this Schedule—

His Excelency Govern<sup>r</sup> Shute a house Lot & 500 Acres

\*1-16 \*His Hon<sup>r</sup> Leiu<sup>t</sup> Governour Wentworth A house Lott & 500 Acres

	Shear		Shear
Samuell Penhallow—	1	Rich <sup>d</sup> Wilbird—	1
Mark Hunking—	1	Tho <sup>s</sup> Westbrook—	1
George Jaffry—	1	Tho <sup>s</sup> Packer—	1
Shadrach Walton—	1	Archibald M <sup>c</sup> pheadrise—	1
		Rich <sup>d</sup> Waldron Cler Con	

Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>

Entred & Recorded According to the Original this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1743—

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

[*Petition of David Cargil of Londonderry, 1728.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries" p. 75.]

To the Honourable John Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> Lieutenant Governour and Comander in chief in and over his Majesties Province of New Hampshire and to the Honourable the Counsel for Said Province

The Humble petition of David Cargill in behalf of the Proprietors of London Derry in Said Province Humbly Sheweth

That the Proprietors of the town of London Derry at their last anual meeting Made Choise of a Comitee to run the Line between their town and Kingstown, & Kingstown having Chose a Comitee to join our Comitee to run said lines the Comites accordingly met upon the place where said line Comences and the bounds specified in both our Charters being read, Kingstown line as by their Charter Saying Southerly the Comitee from Kingstown did hold that their point was South and by West and our Charter Saying South we did aledge that there was no Inconsistancie in the Charters and that the point was Realy South according to the Compass which they refusing to run the Comitee parted so the line lyeth not run—

Your Petitioners therefore humbly Pray that your Honours would be pleased to Determine the mater in Controversie which is

set forth above that so the said line may be settled and run and that a comitee may be Chosen by your Honours to run it and to bound our town on the East, runing and settleing said bounds according to the Usual Custom and as your Honours did order the line to be settled Between our town and Chester and your Petitioners as in Duty Bound shall ever Pray

May 16<sup>th</sup> 1728

David Cargill

In Coun<sup>l</sup> May 16: 1728—

Ordered that y<sup>e</sup> Within Petition be heard next thursday y<sup>e</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> Ins<sup>t</sup> at 3 a clock P: M: and that y<sup>e</sup> Petitioner Serve the Selectmen of Kingston w<sup>th</sup> a Copy of S<sup>d</sup> Petitioner and this order in y<sup>e</sup> Mean time

R Waldron Cler Con

Upon hearing the within Petition May 25 1728 It is ordered in Coun<sup>l</sup> That a Committe Repair to Kingstown north Corner bounds so call'd and Examine & see y<sup>e</sup> True Course of y<sup>e</sup> Dividing line between S<sup>d</sup> Town & Chester to y<sup>e</sup> South bound of S<sup>d</sup> Kingston as y<sup>e</sup> Same is bounded marked & Settled & report y<sup>e</sup> exact course of s<sup>d</sup> line to y<sup>e</sup> Coun<sup>l</sup> board y<sup>e</sup> last day of y<sup>e</sup> M<sup>o</sup> and That Mess<sup>rs</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Palmer, James Grey & John Sweat be y<sup>e</sup> Committe for y<sup>e</sup> Service & y<sup>e</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Charge of S<sup>d</sup> Committe be defray'd by Kingston & Derry Joyntly

R Waldron Cler Con

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## LOUDON.

[Set off from Canterbury and incorporated as a parish Jan. 23, 1773. Named in honor of the Earl of Loudon. A portion of Loudon was annexed to Concord Jan. 2, 1784. A small tract of Canterbury territory was annexed to Loudon Jan. 7, 1853.

See papers under title Canterbury; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 485; Index to Laws, 298; sketch by H. J. Osgood, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 477; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 7, 9; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 393, 399.]

LYMAN.

[Granted Nov. 10, 1761, to Daniel Lyman and others, eleven of whom bore the name of Lyman, and for whom the town was named. The charter was renewed July 20, 1769. Monroe was set off and incorporated July 13, 1854.

See X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 277, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 492; Index to Laws, 300; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 512; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 581.]

[LYMAN CHARTER, 1761.]

\*Province of New-Hampshire.

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Lyman

GEORGE THE THIRD,

{ P S — }

By the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.*

KNOW ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of NEW-HAMPSHIRE in *New-England*, and of our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement Twenty Three Thousand & Forty Acres, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Beginning at a





such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*. 1761

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1771 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth* or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the Tenth Day of November In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty One And in the Second Year of Our Reign.

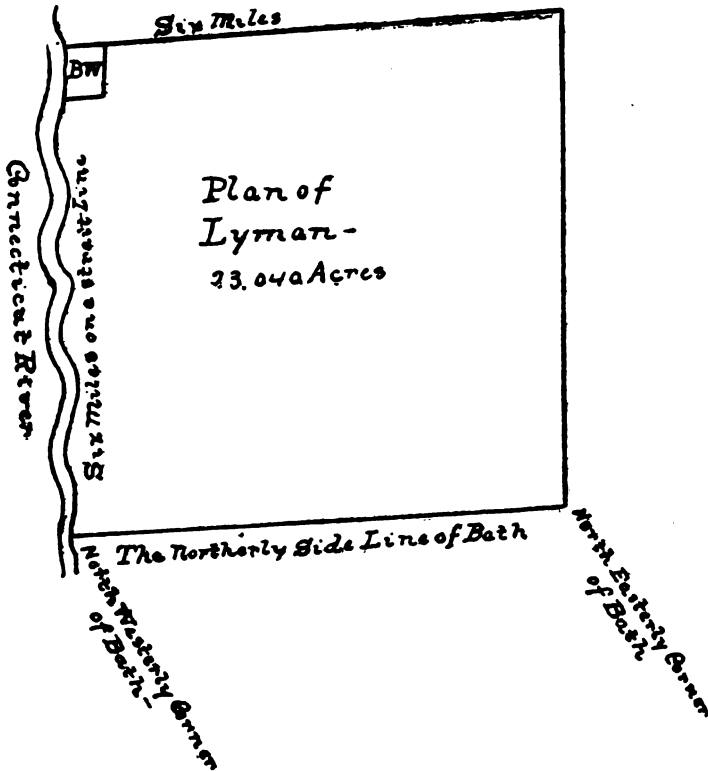
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By HIS EXCELLENCY's Command,  
With Advice of COUNCIL,  
Theodore Atkinson Se<sup>r</sup>

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Province of New Hamps<sup>r</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 10, 1761

Recorded from the back of the Original Charter of Lyman  
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✂ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

[LYMAN CHARTER RENEWED, 1769.]

*Province of New Hampshire	}	GEORGE the Third by the *4-93
(Lyman Extension)		Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland KING Defender of the Faith, and so forth

WHEREAS we of our special Grace and mere Motion for the  
due Encouragement of settling a New Plantation within our Prov-

ince of New Hampshire by our Letters Patent or Charter under the Seal of our said Province dated the Tenth day of November One thousand Seven hundred & Sixty one in the Second Year of our Reign, a Tract of Land equal to Six Miles Square, bounded as therein expressed, (and since Survey'd, admeasured, marked and ascertained by our Order to Isaac Rindge Esquire our Surveyor General of Lands for said Province, granted to a number of our Loyal Subjects whose Names are enter'd on the same to HOLD to them their Heirs and Assigns on the Conditions therein declared, and to be a Town Corporate by the Name of LYMAN as by reference to the said Charter may more fully appear. And whereas the said Grantees have represented unto us that by reason of the great Inconveniencies which occur in the Settlement of New Townships so remotely situated from any other Settlements that can afford any Assistance hath render'd it Impracticable for the whole Number of Grantees to perform that part of the Conditions that relates to the cultivation of such a proportion of the said Grant, that there are a considerable number of Families settled on the Premises, which affords them hopes of a final Settlement, without delay. And humbly supplicating us not to take advantage of the breach of said Condition, but to lengthen out and grant them some further time for the performance thereof. Now KNOW YE, that we being willing to promote the end proposed HAVE (of our further Grace and favour suspended our Claim of the forfeiture which said Grantees may have Incurred) and by these Presents do grant unto the said Grantees their Heirs and Assigns the further Term of Five Years from this date for performing and fulfilling the Conditions Matters and Things by them to be done as aforesaid. Except the Quit Rents which are to remain due and Payable as expressed & reserved in the Original Grant or Charter.

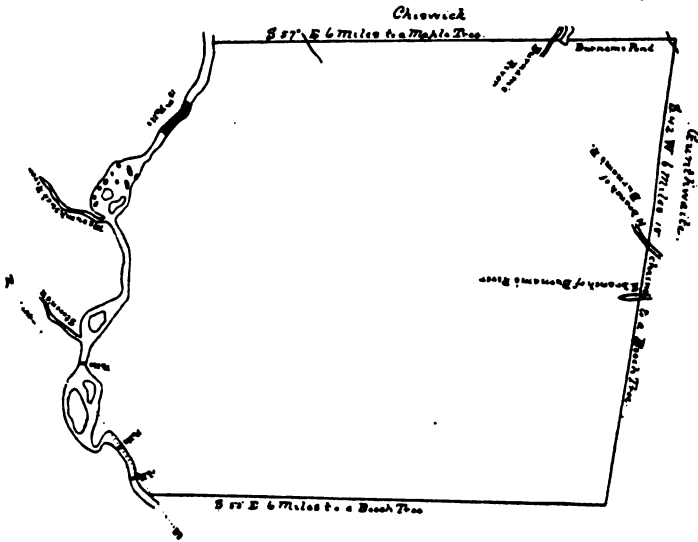
IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto Affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our GOVERNOR & Commander in Chief the Twentieth day of July in the Ninth Year of our Reign, \*Annoque Domini 1769. J<sup>r</sup> Wentworth.

By his Excell<sup>ty</sup> Command }  
with advice of Council. }  
Geo : King Dep<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

Province of New Hampshire August 15<sup>th</sup> 1772.

Recorded according to the Original Charter under the Province Seal.

Attest<sup>r</sup> Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>



Province of New Hampshire.

These Certify that this Plan of Lyman, containing Twenty five Thousand four hundred and Thirty three Acres of Land is a true Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Township as taken & returned to me by M<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Whiting Dep<sup>y</sup> Survey<sup>r</sup> July 6<sup>th</sup> 1769.

Attest. Is. Rindge S<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>

[GRANT TO JOHN HURD, 1769.]

\*Province of New Hampshire } GEORGE the THIRD by the Grace \*1-328  
of God of Great Britain France &  
Ireland King Defender of the faith &c<sup>a</sup>  
(Jn<sup>o</sup> Hurd's Grant To ALL to whom these Presents shall come  
of the Deer Islands) GREETING

KNOW YE that we of our special Grace certain knowledge and mere motion for the due encouragement of settling a new Plantation within our said Province by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JN<sup>o</sup> WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor & Commander in Chief of our said Province of New Hampshire in New England and of our Council for the said Province HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and Granted and by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors Do give and

Grant unto our Loving Subject JOHN HURD of Portsm<sup>e</sup> in our said Province of New Hampshire Esq<sup>r</sup> and to his Heirs and Assigns for ever; all those Islands (being 5 in Number) commonly called and known by the name of the DEER ISLANDS, situate and being between the Towns of Lyman and Barnet in Connecticut River; the Contents and Numbers of the said Islands are

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respectively as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> N<sup>o</sup> 1-6.. 2.. 11- N<sup>o</sup> 2- 12.. 0.. 32- N<sup>o</sup>

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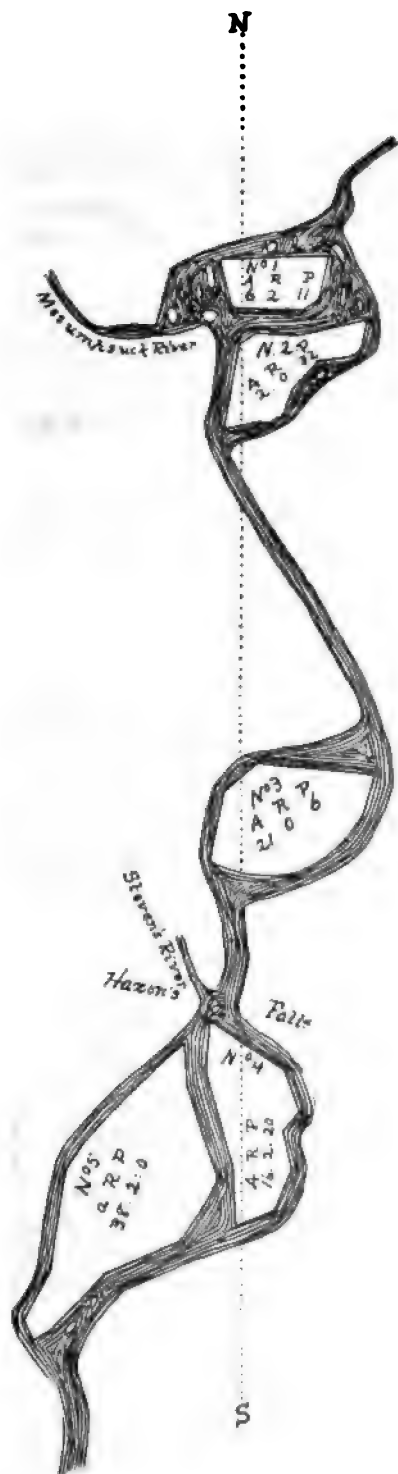
3- 21.. 0.. 6 N<sup>o</sup> 4- 16.. 2.. 2- N<sup>o</sup> 5- 38.. 2- as by a Plan and Survey thereof made & returned by order of our said Governor into the secretary's office and hereunto annexed may more fully appear-To HAVE and to HOLD the said Deer Islands and every of them together with all Priviledges and Appurtenances unto him the said Jn<sup>o</sup> Hurd his heirs and Assigns for ever: upon the following Conditions Viz<sup>t</sup> FIRST That the said John his heirs or Assigns shall Plant and Cultivate Ten Acres of the said Land within the Term of Ten Years and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations on penalty of the forfeiture of his Grant in the said Islands and of their reverting to us our heirs & successors to be by us or them regranted to such of our subjects as shall effectually Settle and Cultivate the same SECONDLY that all white Pine trees throughout the said Islands fit for masting

our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that Use

\*1-328 and \*none to be cut or fell'd, without our special Licence first had and obtained for so doing, upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant as well as being subject to the Present and future Penalties by Act of Parliament—THIRDLY Yielding and paying therefor unto us our heirs and Successors for the space of Ten Years from this Date One Ear of Indian Corn only on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December annually if lawfully demanded—(4<sup>th</sup>) That the said John his heirs or Assigns shall yield & Pay unto us our heirs and successors yearly and every year from and after the expiration of the said Ten Years in our Council Chamber in Portsm<sup>e</sup> or to such officer as Shall be appointed to receive the same—Two shillings and Sixpence Lawful money for ever: in lieu of all other Rents and services.—

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the seal of our said Province to be hereto affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our said Governor the sixteenth day of January in the year of our Lord Christ 1769 and in the ninth year of our Reign—

J<sup>r</sup> Wentworth





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By his Excellency's Command  
with advice of Council

T: Atkinson Jun: Sec<sup>y</sup>

Recorded according to the Original Patent under the Province  
Seal the 28<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1769.

⌘ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

\*Province of New Hampshire Portsm<sup>o</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1769. \*1-330  
These Certify that this plan of the Deer Islands in Con-  
necticut River lying between the Towns of Lyman and Barnet is  
a true Copy of an Original Plan or Survey as taken & returned  
to me by Elijah King D<sup>y</sup> Surveyor.

Attest<sup>d</sup> ⌘ Is: Rindge S' Gen<sup>l</sup>

Province of New Hampshire 28<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1769.

Recorded accord<sup>g</sup> to the Plan, annex'd to the Original Grant  
under the Province Seal.—

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LYME.

[Granted July 8, 1761, to John Thompson and others. Named from Lyme,  
Conn. The charter was renewed February 21, 1770.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 533; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 277,  
398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XII,  
Hammond Town Papers 501; Index to Laws, 301; sketch, by P. H. A. Claflin,  
Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 517; History of the Coös Country,  
by Grant Powers, 1841, p. 135; Baptist Churches in New Hampshire, by E. E.  
Cummings, 1836, pp. 15, 22; Lawrence's New Hampshire Churches, 1856, p.  
559; sermon at close of 37 years' ministry, by E. Tenney, 1868.]

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[LYME CHARTER, 1761.]

\*Province of New Hampshire.

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Lyme

GEORGE THE THIRD,

{ Prov<sup>o</sup> }  
{ Seal }

By the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France  
and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come,  
Greeting.*

Know ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge,  
and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New  
Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of

our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of *NEW-HAMPSHIRE* in *New-England*, and of our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Sixty Nine equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, twenty three Thousand one Hundred *Acres*, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Begining at the Northwest Corner of Hannover at a tree Marked with the Figures five and Six Standing on the Bank of Connecticut river, from Thence runing South Sixty four degrees East Six miles and Three Quarters of a mile from thence North twenty deg<sup>s</sup> East Six miles, Thence North Sixty three degrees West Six miles to a Tree marked with y<sup>e</sup> Figures Six and Seven Standing on the Bank of Connecticut River Thence down The river to the first Bounds Mentioned—And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Lime And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the

And the other on the \_\_\_\_\_ annually, which fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said

and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty  
 \*2-38 Families, a Market may be \*opened and kept one or more  
 Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantagi-  
 ous to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice

of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the Second Tuesday in august next which said Meeting shall be Notified by Cap<sup>t</sup> John Thompson who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Seconday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

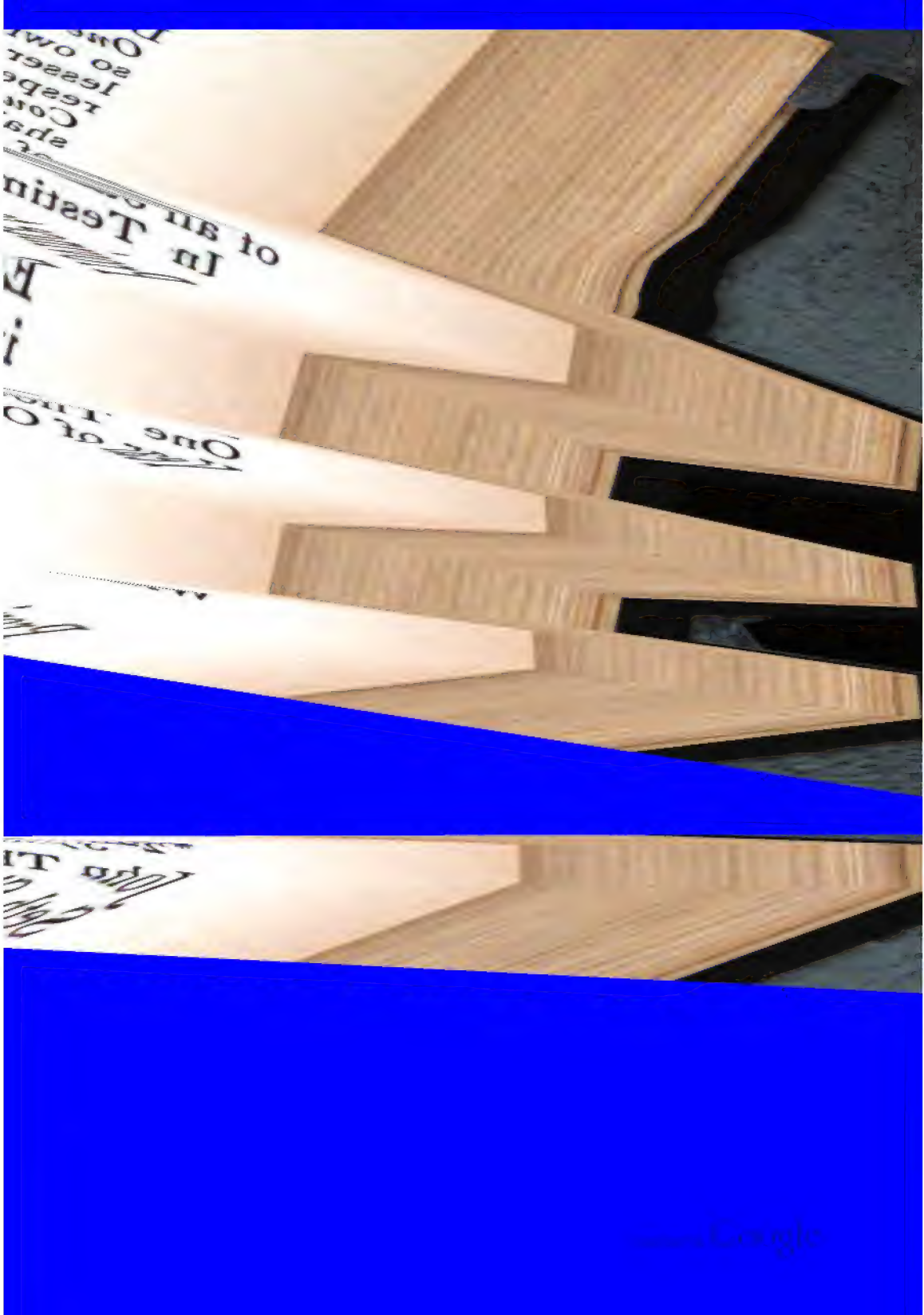
I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or Them Re-granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*. 1762

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the above-



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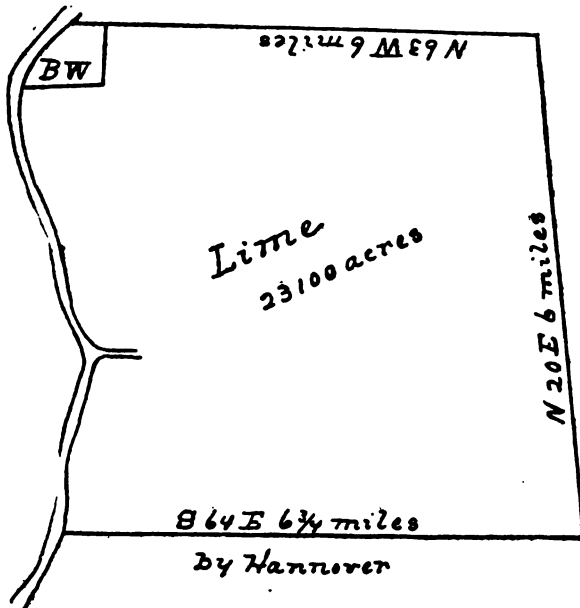
Charles Gardner	Sam <sup>l</sup> Shaw, Palmer	Nath <sup>l</sup> Dowse
W <sup>m</sup> Lamont	John Allen M <sup>c</sup> ilvain	Theod <sup>r</sup> Atkinson Esq
Dunkin Quantun	John Cutt	M <sup>r</sup> H <sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq
Rufus Thompson	George Firneld	Benning Wentworth
Noah Thompson	John Libby	& John Nelson merch <sup>t</sup>

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq A Tract of Land as marked in the Plan B W to Contain Five hundred Acres which is to be Accounted Two of the within Shares—One whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in forreign Parts One whole Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel—One Share for the Benifit of A School in Said Town—One whole Share for A Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established—

Province N. Hamp<sup>r</sup> July 8<sup>th</sup> 1761

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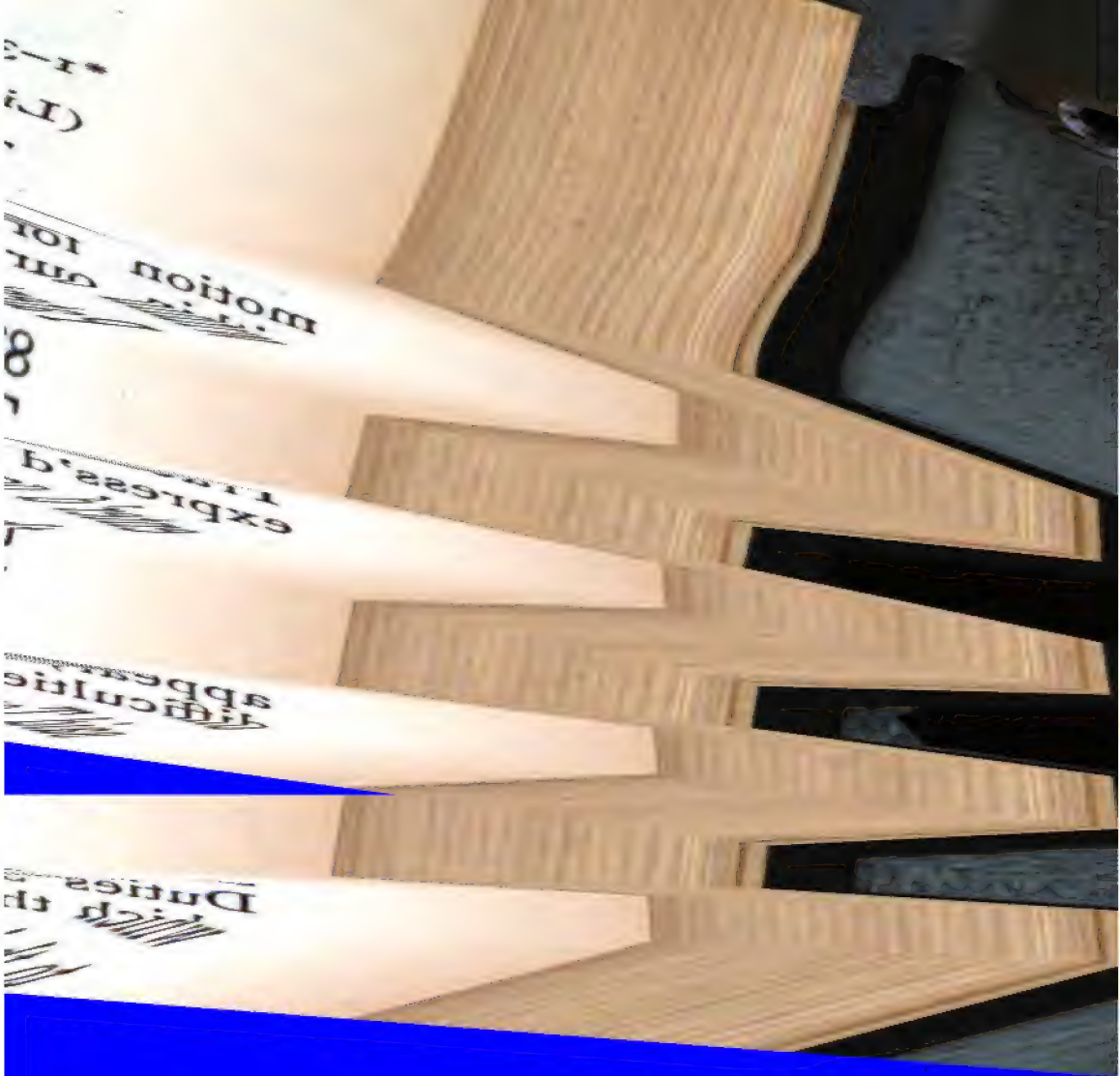
⌘ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>



Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> July 8<sup>th</sup> 1761

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do hereby exclude them respectively, & by these presents do admit in the Room & Head of the said Delinquents, Viz<sup>t</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Martin, Thomas Westbrook Waldron Esq<sup>r</sup> Godfrey Malbone Esq<sup>r</sup>, Isaac Fellows, Thomas Baker, Samuel Chandler, Amos Paine, Charles Nelson, Isaac Preston, John Bartholomew and John Hurd Esq<sup>r</sup> and do grant to them the said admitted grantees the said Eleven forfeited Shares, to be equally divided to and among them, and to be held and possess'd by them their Heirs and Assigns on the same Conditions, reservations and Duties by which the other Grantees hold, and are subject to; and have of our further grace and favour suspended our further claim of the forfeiture which the said Grantees may have Incurred, and by these Presents do grant to them their heirs and Assigns the Term of Three Years from the date hereof for performing and fulfilling the Conditions, matters and things by them to be done as afore-said—Except the Quit Rents which are to remain due and payable as express'd and reserved in the Original Grant or Charter. In TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor and Commander in chief of our said Province of New Hampshire the 21<sup>st</sup> day of Feb<sup>r</sup> in the year of our Lord Christ 1770. and in the tenth year of our Reign.

By his Excellen<sup>cy</sup>'s Command  
with advice of the Council

J<sup>r</sup> { L. s. } Wentworth

Theo: Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Province of New Hampshire 21<sup>st</sup> February 1770.

Recorded according to the Original Charter under the Province Seal.

Att<sup>r</sup> Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

[GRANT TO BENJAMIN GRANT, 1769.]

*Province of	}	GEORGE the Third by the Grace	*1-338
New Hampshire	}	of God of Great Britain France and	
{ Benj <sup>a</sup> Grants	}	Ireland KING Defender of the Faith	
{ Island	}	&c.—	

To ALL to whom these Presents shall come GREETING—

KNOW YE that we of our special grace certain knowledge and mere motion for the due encouragement of settling a New Plantation within our said Province, by and with the advice of our Trusty and well-belov'd JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor and Com-

mand' in cheif of our said Province of New Hampshire in New England and of our Council for the said Province, HAVE upon the conditions and reservations herein after made given and granted, and by these Presents for us our heirs & successors Do give and grant unto our Loving Subject BENJAMIN GRANT of Lime in our said Province HUSBANDMAN and to his Heirs and Assigns for ever ; That Island commonly called and known by the name of Grant's Island situate and being between the Towns of Thetford & Lime

in Connecticut River, containing <sup>Acres Roods Perches</sup> 24— 2— 17— as by a Plan and Survey thereof made and return'd by our said Governor's order into the Secretary's Office, a Copy whereof is hereunto annex'd, and may thereby more fully appear To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Granted Premises together with all Priviledges and Appurtenances unto him the said Benj<sup>a</sup> Grant his heirs and Assigns for ever ; upon the following Conditions Viz<sup>t</sup> FIRST That the said Benjamin his heirs or Assigns shall Plant and Cultivate Ten Acres of the said Land, within the Term of Two years and to continue to improve & Settle the same by additional Cultivations on penalty of the forfeiture of his Grant in the said Island and of its reverting to us our heirs and successors to be by us or them regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and Cultivate the same.

SECONDLY That all white Pine Trees throughout the  
 \*I-339 said Island \*fit for masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use, and none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence first had and obtaind for so doing, upon the penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant as well as being Subject to the Present and future Acts of Parliament. THIRDLY yielding and paying therefor unto us our heirs and Successors for the space of one year from this date the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December annually if lawfully demanded FOURTHLY That the said Benj<sup>a</sup> his heirs and Assigns shall yield & pay unto us our heirs and Successors, Yearly & every year from and after the expiration of the said one year in our Council Chamber in Portsm<sup>o</sup> or to such Officer as shall be appointed to receive the same, Five Shillings Sterling money for ever : in lieu of all other rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereto affix'd Witness John Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> our said Governor the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord Christ 1769 and in the 9<sup>th</sup> Year of our Reign—

J<sup>r</sup> Wentworth



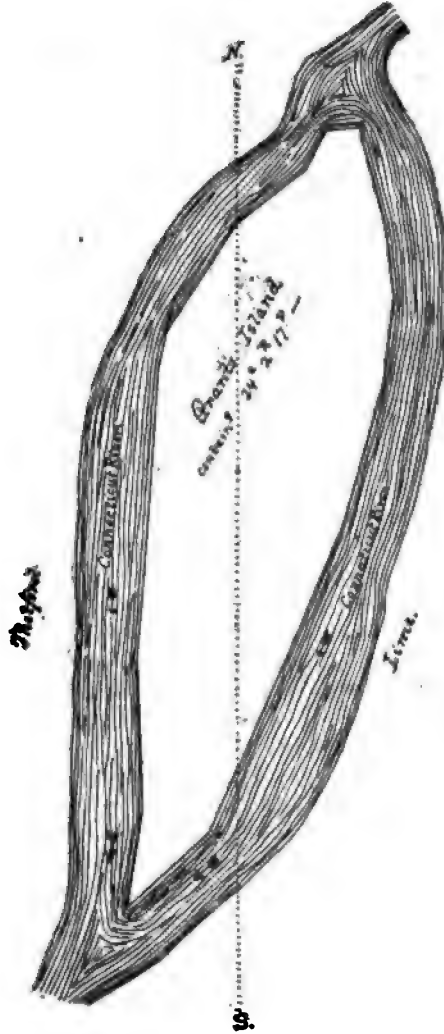
By his Excellency's Command  
with advice of Council

T: Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

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Recorded from the Original Grant under the Province Seal the  
5<sup>th</sup> April 1769.

⌘ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>




Province of New Hampshire Portsm<sup>o</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> April 1769.

These Certify that this Plan of Grant's Island in Connecticut River lying between the Towns of Thetford and Lime is a True Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Island as taken and returned to me by M<sup>r</sup> Dudley Colman D<sup>r</sup> Surv<sup>r</sup>

Attest<sup>r</sup>  Is: Rindge S<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>

[GREENE'S FERRY, 1772.]

\*I-436 \*Province of New } GEORGE the THIRD by the  
Hampshire } Grace of God of Great Britain  
France and Ireland KING Defender of the Faith &c.  
 To ALL to whom these Presents shall come  
GREETING.

KNOW YE, that we of our special Grace certain Greene's Ferry knowledge & mere Motion (by and with the advice of our Trusty and well belov'd JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our Captain General Governor & Commander in Chief in and over our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid in New England) Have given and granted and by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give and grant unto our Loyal and Faithful Subject EBENEZER GREENE of Thetford in the County of Gloucester and Province of New York Gentleman the Sole Right of keeping a ferry and of keeping using & employing a ferry boat or Boats for the transporting of Men, Horses, Goods, Cattle, Carriages &c. from the Shore of Lime in the County of Grafton and Province of New Hampshire, near the Building of the said Greene, erected in said Lime for the purpose of making Pearl Ash, across the River Connecticut, to the opposite Shore of said Thetford To HOLD the said Ferry and privilege of a Ferry, with all Ferryage Advantages, Emoluments, Perquisites and Profits thereunto belonging, to him, the said Ebenezer Green his Heirs, Executors, Administrators &

\*I-437 Assigns, from the \*day of the date hereof, to his and their only proper use benefit and behoof for Ever, upon the following Conditions Viz<sup>t</sup>. That he & they shall at all Times keep such Boat or Boats & give such attendance & behave as the now (or any hereafter) Laws do or may require, on penalty of forfeiting this Grant, and of its reverting to us our Heirs and Successors. And as a further Encouragement to the said Ebenezer Greene in

& about the Premises We will that none of our loving Subjects do presume to molest or interrupt the said Ebenezer Greene in his said Ferry or set up any other Ferry upon or across the said River Connecticut, within Two Miles above or below the Ferry of the said Eben<sup>r</sup> Greene.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness our aforesaid Governor & Command<sup>r</sup> in Chief the Thirtieth day of May in the Twelfth Year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1772.

J<sup>r</sup> Wentworth.

By his Excellency's Command  
with advice of Council.

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Recorded according to the Original Grant under the Prov<sup>e</sup> Seal,  
the 30th. day of May 1772.

Attest<sup>r</sup>.

[GRANT TO MATTHEW STANLEY PARKER, 1772.]

\*Province of New } GEORGE the THIRD by the Grace \*1-410  
Hampshire } of God of Great Britain France  
and Ireland KING Defender of the Faith &c.—  
{ L. S. } To ALL to whom these Presents shall come,  
GREETING.

KNOW YE, that we of our special grace certain  
Matthew Stanley } knowledge and mere Motion for the due  
Parker's Grant } encouragement of settling & cultivating our  
Lands within our Province aforesaid by and with the advice  
of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our  
Governor & Commander in chief of our said Province of New  
Hampshire, and of our COUNCIL of the same HAVE, (upon the  
Conditions and Reservations herein particularly recited and  
Expressed) given and granted and by these Presents for us our  
Heirs and Successors, do give and grant unto our leige and loving  
Subject MATTHEW STANLEY PARKER of Portsmouth in our County  
of Rockingham and Province aforesaid, Gentleman and to his  
Heirs and Assigns for Ever a certain Tract or parcel of Land con-  
taining by Admeasurement FIVE HUNDRED Acres, situate lying  
and being in our said Province as by a Plan or Survey thereof  
(exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province

by our said Governor's Order and returned into the Secretary's office of our said Province, a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed) may more fully & at large appear, Butted & Bounded as follows viz<sup>t</sup>. Beginning at a White Pine Tree standing on the bank of Connecticut River, which Tree is the Corner Bounds of the Township of Lime and Orford, from thence running South 64° Degrees East 312 Rods to a Beech Tree, from thence South 26° Degrees West 230 Rods to a white Pine Tree, from thence North 64° degrees East 480 Rods to a Red Birch Tree, standing on the bank of Connecticut River aforesaid, from thence up said River to the Bounds first mentioned. To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above express'd to him the said Matthew Stanley Parker and to his Heirs and Assigns for Ever upon the following Terms Conditions and Reservations, Viz<sup>t</sup>—

FIRST. That the said Grantee shall cut clear & make \*I-4II passable for \*Carriages &c. a Road of Three Rods wide through the said Tract as shall be at any time hereafter directed or order'd by the Governor & Council aforesaid, which Road shall be completed in ONE Year from the date of such Order or Direction of the Governor and Council aforesaid on penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant & of its reverting to us our Heirs and Successors.—

SECOND. That the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be settled Two Families in THREE Years from the Date of this Grant, in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon & regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.—

THIRD. That all white and other Pine Trees fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use and none to be cut or fell'd without our special License for so doing first had & obtained on penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee in the premises his Heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.

FOURTH. Yielding and paying therefor to us our Heirs and Successors on or before the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January 1773, the Rent of One Ear of Indian Corn only if Lawfully demanded.—

FIFTH. That the said Grantee his Heirs and Assigns shall yield and pay unto us our Heirs and Successors Yearly and every year for Ever from and after the expiration of Two Years from the date of this Grant, ONE SHILLING Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so Owns and Settles or Possesses and so in propor-

tion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Land aforesaid, which Money shall be paid by the respective Proprietor Owner or Settler in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such officer or officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; And these to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.—

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said province to be hereunto affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esq: our aforesaid GOVERNOR & Commander in Chief the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Jan<sup>y</sup> in the 12<sup>th</sup> year of our Reign, Annoque Domini 1772.—

By his Excellency's Command  
with advice of Council

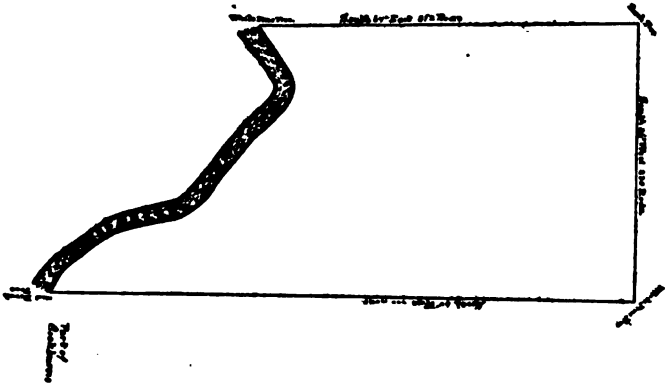
J<sup>y</sup> { L. S. } Wentworth.

Theodore Atkinson Secretary.

\*Province of New Hampshire 7<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1772.

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Recorded according to the Original Grant under the  
Province Seal—



Province of New Hampshire. Portsmouth 6<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1772.

These may Certify that this Plan Beginning at a White Pine Tree standing on the bank of Connecticut River which Tree is the Corner Bounds of the Townships of Lime & Orford, from thence running S. 64° E. 312 Rods to a Beech Tree, from thence South 26° W. 230 Rods, to a White Pine Tree, from thence N. 64° W. 480 Rods to a Red Birch Tree standing on the bank of Connecticut River aforesaid, from thence up said River to the Bounds first mentioned. Contains Five Hundred Acres of Land & is a true Copy of an Original plan or Survey of said Tract as taken and returned to me by M<sup>r</sup> Jotham Cummings Dep<sup>y</sup> Surveyor

Attest: Is: Rindge S. G<sup>l</sup>

## LYNDEBOROUGH.

[Granted by Massachusetts June 19, 1735, to Capt. Samuel King and others, and called *Salem-Canada*. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors December 5, 1753, to Benjamin Lynde and others, and named Lyndeborough in honor of Benjamin Lynde. Incorporated April 23, 1764. A portion of the town, with other territory, was incorporated as Greenfield June 15, 1791. Another portion was annexed to Temple June 11, 1796. The northeasterly part was annexed to Mont Vernon January 5, 1853. A tract from the southerly side was annexed to Milford June 27, 1873.]

See Massachusetts charters preceding, and Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 535; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 509; Index to Laws, 301; sketch, by David C. Grant, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 498; Historical Address, 150th Anniversary, 1889, by Frank G. Clark, 1891, pp. 68; Proceedings of 150th Anniversary, mss., in possession of W. H. Grant, St. Paul, Minn.; Baptist Churches in New Hampshire, by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 19; Lawrence's New Hampshire Churches, 1856, p. 192; The First Settlers, by J. Clark, 21, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 277; Materials for a History, 8, *id.*, 94; manuscripts in possession of W. H. Grant, St. Paul, Minn.]

## [LYNDEBOROUGH INCORPORATED, 1764.]

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\*Prov of New Hamp'

Lyndsborough George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c<sup>a</sup>

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To all to whom these Presents shall come greeting

Whereas our Loving Subjects Inhabitants on a Tract of Land within our Province of New Hamp' afore Said by the Name of Lyndsborough have Humbly Petitioned & Requested that they may be erected & Encorporated into a Township & Infrancized with the same Powers & Priviledges which Other Towns have & Enjoy within our Said Province by Law have & Enjoy & it appearing to us to be Conduasive to the General good of our Said Province as well as to the Said Inhabitants in Perticular by maintaining good order & Encouraging the Culture of the Said Lands that the Same should be done Know Ye therefore that we of our Especial Grace certain Knowledge & for the Encouragement & Promotion of these good Ends & Purposes by & with the Advise of our Trusty & well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq our Gov-

ernor & Com'ander in Chieff & of our Council for Said Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> have erected & ordaind & by these Presents for us our Heirs & Successors do Will & ordain that our Loving Subjects Residing on the Tract of Land aforesaid or that Shall hereafter reside & Improve thereon the same being Limited & Bounded as follows Viz—begining at the North East Corner of a Tract of Land called Duxbury School Farm & in the Line of the Township of Amherst from thence runing West by the Needle one Mile Two Hundred & Eighty Rodds to the East Line of the Township of Wilton from thence North by the Needle four Hundred & Ninety Eight Rods to the North East Corner of Wilton aforesaid from thence West by the Needle by Wilton aforesaid five Miles to A White Ash marked the Corner of Peterborough Slip & Wilton Aforesaid & from thence West by the Needle Two Hundred & forty Rods by s<sup>d</sup> Peterborough Slip to a Beach Tree marked from thence North by the Needle Six Miles & Three Quarters to a Tree marked for the Corner of Said Tract from thence East by the Needle Three Miles & one Quarter to A Tree marked in the Western Line of New Boston from thence South by that Line one Mile & an half to the most South Westerly Corner of New Boston aforesaid from thence East by the said New Boston Line Three Miles one Hundred & Twenty Rods to a Black Oak marked Still by s<sup>d</sup> New Boston Line & Runs South Two Miles & an half to A Sump & Stones from thence East one Mile & Eighty Rods to the North West Corner of Amherst aforesaid from thence south by the Line of Amherst four Miles one Hundred & Twenty three Rods to the Bounds first mentioned Shall be & by these Presents are Declared & ordaind to be a Town Corporate & are hereby erected and Incorporated into A Bdy Politick & Corporate to have Continuence until his Maj<sup>ty</sup>s Pleasure shall be Signified to the Contrary by the Name of LYNDSBOROUGH with the Powers and Authoritys Previlidges & Immunities & Franchizes which any Other Towns in Said Province by law hold & Enjoy allways Reserving to us our Heirs & Successors all white Pine Trees that are \*or Shall be \*1-262 found growing or being on the Said Tract of Land fit for the Use of our Royal Navy Reserving also the Power & Right of Dividing the Said Town when it Shall Appear Necessary & Convenient for the Benefit of the Inhabitants thereof Provided nevertheless & it is hereby Declared that this our Charter & Grant is not Intended or Shall in any Man'er be Construed to extend to or Affect the Private Property of the Soil within the

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[GRANT TO BLAIR, McNEAL, AND OTHERS, 1765.]

\*Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>

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George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c<sup>a</sup>

To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting—

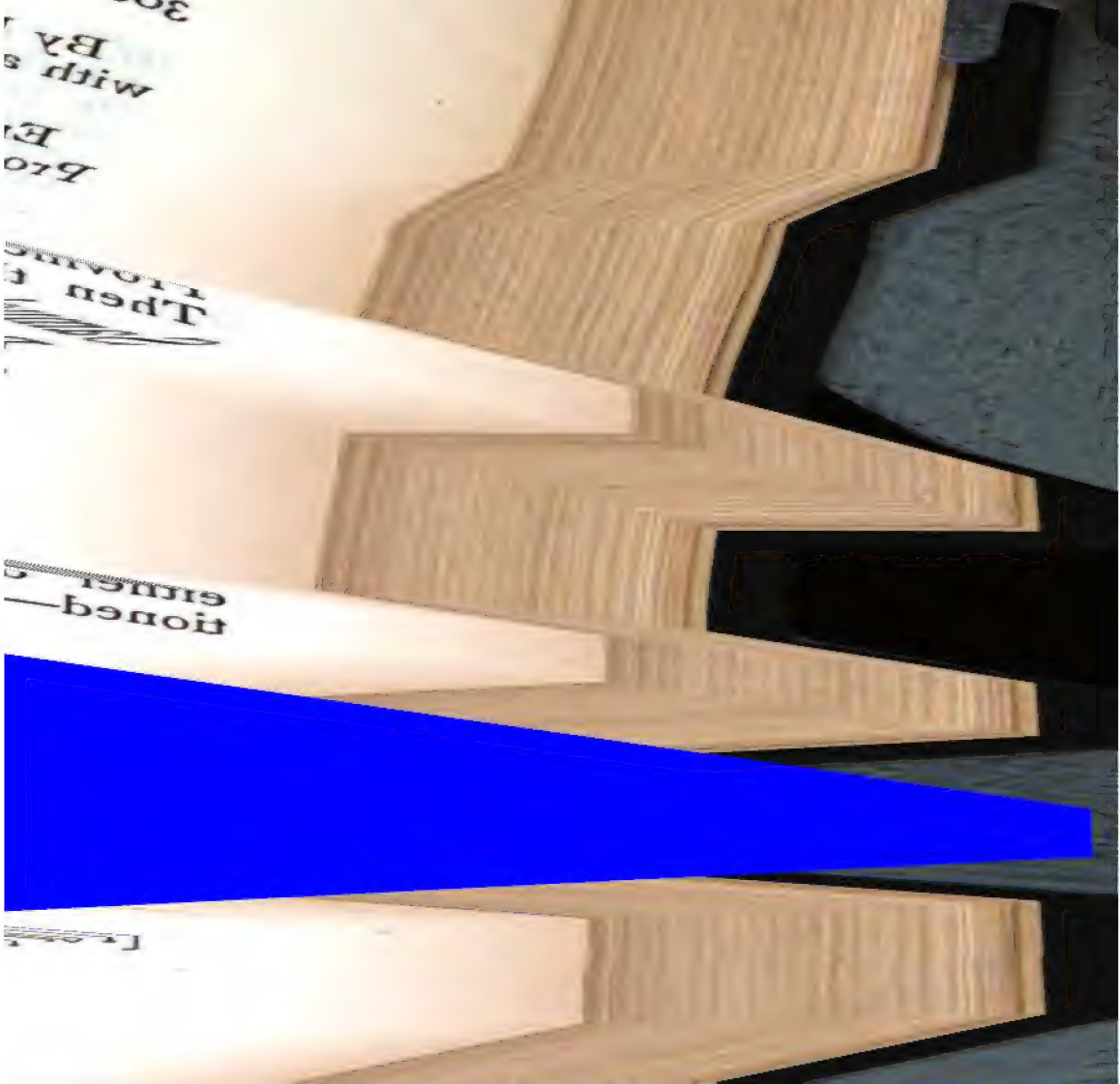
Grantees      Whereas we have tho<sup>t</sup> fit by our Proclamation  
(Viz) Blair      given at S<sup>t</sup> James's the Seventh Day of October in  
McNeal      the third Year of our reign Annoq Domini 1763  
Stark      amongst Other Things to Testify our Royal Sence  
Colwall      & Approbation of the Conduct & Bravery of the  
Martin      officers & Soldiers of our Armies & to Signify our  
Martin      desire to reward the Same & have therein Com-  
'anded and Impowered Our Several Governors of our respective  
Provinces on the Continent of America to grant without Fee or  
reward to Such Reduced officers as have Served in North America  
during the late War and to such Private Soldiers as have been or  
Shall be disbanded there & Shall personally Apply—such Quan-  
tities of Land respectively as in & by our afore Said Proclamation  
are perticularly mentioned subject nevertheless to the Same Quit  
Rents & Conditions of Cultivations & Improvements as other our  
Lands are Subject to in this Province within which they are  
Granted And whereas Alexander Blair of Londonderry Gentle-  
man in our Province aforesaid had our appointment And Daniel  
McNeal of Derryfield in our Province aforesaid Gentleman had  
our appointment as Lieutenant and Samuel Stark of Derryfield  
aforesaid Gent—had our Appointment as Ensign and John Calwall  
of Londonderry aforesaid Gentleman had our Appointment as  
Ensign and Joshua Martin of Goffs Town, and Nathaniel Martin  
of Weare Gentlemen both within our Said Prov<sup>ce</sup> of New Hamp-  
shire had our appointment as Lieutenant, all of them in Our  
Companys of Independents and Served during the late War in  
North America and are now reduced and they having (agreeable  
to our Aforesaid Proclamation Personally Solicited such Grants  
Know Ye that We of our Especial Grace certain Knowledge &  
mere motion do Signify our approbation as aforesaid and for  
encourageing the Settlement & Cultivation of our Lands within our  
Province of New Hampshire in New England have by & with the  
advce of our Trusty & well beloved BENNING WENTWORTH Esq  
Our Govern<sup>r</sup> & Com'ander in Chieff of our S<sup>d</sup> Province and of

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by Said Starks to the Corner where the Bounds first began. To HAVE & TO HOLD the Said Several Tracts of Land as above expressed unto them the Said Grantees & to their Several & Respective heirs & assigns in Severalty for ever Upon the following Conditions & Reservations (Viz) First that the Said Grantees thier Heirs & assigns shall Plant & Cultivate Five Acres of Land within the Term of five years for every fifty acres Containd in Each of thier Grants & continue to Improve & Settle the Same by additional Cultivations on Penalty of the forfeiture of this their Grant and of the Same reverting to us our Heirs & Successors to be by us or them regranted to such of our subjects as shall effectually settle & Cultivate the Same (Second) That all White & other Pine Trees within said several Tracts fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully Preserved for that use & none to be Cut or Felled without our Especial Lycence for so doing first had & obtaind Under the Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right or Rights of the Grantee \*or Grantees his or their Heirs \*1-288 or Assigns in the Premises unto us our Heirs & Successors, as well as being Subject to the Penalties of any Act or Acts of Parliament which now are or Shall be Enacted (Third) Yielding & paying therefor unto us our Heirs & Successors for the Space of Ten Years to be computed from the Date hereof the rent of one Ear of Corn only on the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of December Annually (if lawfully Demanded) (Fourth) the Said Grantees each & every of their Heirs or Assigns shall Yield & Pay unto us our Heirs & Successors Yearly & every Year for ever from & after the Expiration of Ten Years from the Above 25<sup>th</sup> Day of December Namly on the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of December which will be in the Year of our Lord 1775 One Shilling Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he or they shall own Settle or Possess & so in Proportion for a Greater or Lesser Tract of the S<sup>d</sup> Lands which money shall be paid by the respective owner Settler or Possessor as aforesaid in our Council Chamber in Portsm<sup>o</sup> in the Province aforesaid or to such officer or officers as shall be appointed to receive the Same and this to be in Lieu of all other rents & Services whatsoever in Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness BENNING WENTWORTH Esq our aforesaid Governour the Thirty first Day of October in the Year of our Lord Christ 1765 and in the Sixth Year of Our Reign

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Congregational Church, 1847; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 198, 202, 205; Centennial Sermon, by J. M. Durell, 1884; Account of, History of the Merrimack Valley, by A. Poore, 1857, p. 209; History and Present Condition of the Manufactures, 1, Granite Monthly, 21; "Namaoskeag" Falls and the Amoskeag Manufacturing Co., 12, Farmer's Monthly Visitor, 289; Quarter Centennial Pastorate of First Congregational Church, by C. W. Wallace, 1865; Letter of Resignation and Commemorative Discourse, by C. W. Wallace, 1873; Report of First Unitarian Society, 1893.]

[*List of Capt. William Tyng's Snow-Shoe Men, 1703.*]

[From Mss. Records of Proprietors of Tyngstown in Possession of the Town of Jaffrey.]

A List of the Souldiers that went out under the Com'and of Cap<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Tyng to Winepiscocheag the year 1703

Admitted

John Shepley	Joseph Parker	Richard Warner
Nathaniel Woods	Joseph Blanchard	John Cumings
Thomas Lund	William Whitney	John Longley
Joseph Perham	Joseph Butterfield	John Spalding
John Spalding Jun <sup>r</sup>	Sam <sup>l</sup> Spalding	Henry Spalding
William Longley	Eben <sup>r</sup> Spalding	Sam <sup>l</sup> Davis
Joseph Lakin	Nath <sup>l</sup> Blood	John Holdin
Jonathan Page	Nathaniel Butterfield	Jonathan Butterfield
John Hunt	Jona <sup>th</sup> Hill	Jonathan Parker: Thomas
Peter Talbird	G. Talbird	Stephen Keyes
Benony Perham: Sam <sup>l</sup>	Eleazer Parker	Thomas Cumings
Josiah Richardson	Tho <sup>s</sup> Tarble	Jonathan Richardson
James Blanchard	Henry Farwell	Joseph Guilson
John Richardson	Sam <sup>l</sup> Woods	Ephraim Hildreth
Sam <sup>l</sup> Chamberlain	Stephen Peirce	Timothy Spalding
Paul Fletcher		

The Above Named persons were all Admitted And gave Bond (Except Will<sup>m</sup> Whitney) into the grant made to the Company under Cap<sup>t</sup> William Tyng the 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> of may 1735

[Draft of Lots in Tyngstown, June 22, 1736.]

[Tyngstown Proprietors' Records.]

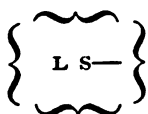
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	N <sup>o</sup> of prop <sup>r</sup>	Lot	Range	Lot	Range	Lot	Range	Lot	Range	meadow
Joseph Butterfield	1	6	1	12	4	63	2	60	4	2
Cap <sup>t</sup> Henry Farwell	2	7	1	18	4	62	2	8n	3	3
John Richardson	3	9	1	52	2	10	4	29	3	4
Capt. William Lawrence	4	10	1	53	2	7	4	30	3	5
Nathaniel Woods	5	12	1	11n	3	1	4	47	3	—
Jonath <sup>h</sup> Sheple & } Zach <sup>h</sup> Hildreth }	6	16	1	15n	3	6	4	59	4	6
The Hon <sup>l</sup> W <sup>m</sup> Dudley Esq <sup>r</sup>	7	17	1	13n	3	19	4	68	4	7
Jonathan Hartwell	8	2n	1	37	2	5n	3	69	4	—
Jonathan Richardson	9	1n	1	36	2	14n	3	77	4	—
Jonas Clark Esq <sup>r</sup>	10	3	1	11	4	23n	3	70	4	8
Eben <sup>r</sup> Spalding	11	2	1	1	1	25	3	71	4	9
Thomas Lund	12	7	2	50	2	41	3	55	4	—
Andrew Belcher Esq <sup>r</sup>	13	6	2	12	3	42	3	56	4	—
Mess <sup>rs</sup> Tho <sup>s</sup> Parker & W <sup>m</sup> Read	14	5	2	13	3	40	3	57	4	10
Jonathan Page	15	12	2	4	3	6n	1	58	4	—
Joseph Guilson	16	13	2	3	3	13n	1	76	4	—
Richard Warner	17	15	2	16	3	50	4	25	2	—
Stephen Kyes	18	16	2	17	3	51	4	23	2	—
Joseph Blanchard	19	24	2	38	4	20n	3	75	4	—
Thomas Cumings	20	30	2	39	4	21n	3	25	4	—
William Whitney	21	34	2	19	2	22n	3	63	4	—
Timothy Spalding	22	35	2	18	2	28	3	74	4	—
Samuel Woods	23	4	2	3	2	66	4	31	3	—
Eleazer Tyng Esq <sup>r</sup>	24	1	2	2	2	65	4	32	3	—
Nathaniel Butterfield	25	21	2	49	2	67	4	36	3	—
The School Lot	26	22	2	47	4	33	3	38	2	—
Tho <sup>s</sup> Tarble	27	10	3	48	4	11n	1	46	3	—
Benj <sup>a</sup> Prescott Esq <sup>r</sup>	28	8	3	2	4	10n	1	45	3	—
Peter Talbirt	29	6	3	3	4	14n	1	44	3	—
Josiah Richardson	30	20	3	8	4	15n	1	43	3	16
John Colburn	31	21	3	5	4	24n	1	39	3	—
Jonath <sup>a</sup> Butterfield	32	19	3	4	4	48	2	40	4	—
Paul Fletcher	33	16	3	14	2	34	3	58	4	—
Stephen Peirce	34	2	3	26	2	27	2	41	4	—
Samuel Chamberlin	35	5	3	51	2	12n	1	31	4	—
Tho <sup>s</sup> Colburn	36	7	3	19	1	52	4	64	2	—

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	N <sup>o</sup> of prop <sup>r</sup>	Lot	Range	Lot	Range	Lot	Range	Lot	Range	meadow
Jonathan Hill	37	8	3	18	1	53	4	61	2	—
Joseph Parker	38	9n	3	23	1	24	3	30	4	—
John Chandler	39	10n	3	8	2	54	4	39	2	—
Eleazer Parker	40	16n	3	17	2	35	3	20	4	12
Joseph Laken	41	17n	3	5	1	43	2	21	4	—
Benj <sup>a</sup> Thomson	42	18n	3	16n	1	2n	3	73	4	—
John Sheple	43	19n	3	17n	1	54	2	72	4	—
John Spalding Jun <sup>r</sup>	44	22	3	9n	1	26	3	29	4	—
Eph <sup>m</sup> Hildreth Esq <sup>r</sup>	45	11	3	3n	1	27	3	28	4	—
Nath <sup>l</sup> Blood	46	7n	3	49	4	31	2	40	2	—
Joseph Perham	47	9	4	22	1	58	2	41	2	1
John Hunt	48	13	4	20	2	32	2	6	3	—
John Cumings	49	14	4	2n	3	33	2	37	3	—
John Holding	50	15	4	4n	1	43	4	23	3	—
Tho <sup>s</sup> Tarble Associate	51	16	4	7n	2	60	2	42	4	—
Caleb Blodget	52	17	4	21	1	59	2	27	4	—
John Longley	53	32	4	8n	1	64	3	24	4	17
Samuel Davis	54	33	4	5n	1	56	2	26	4	18
James Blanchard	55	34	4	4	1	57	2	55	4	19
Will <sup>m</sup> Longley	56	35	4	8	1	28	2	56	4	14
Henry Spalding	57	36	4	11	1	29	2	57	4	20
John Tyng	58	37	4	13	1	44	2	58	4	21
Benony Perham	59	45	4	14	1	45	2	59	4	22
Jon <sup>a</sup> by Tho <sup>s</sup> Parker	60	46	4	15	1	46	2	60	4	—
John Spalding	61	1	3	20	1	47	2	44	4	11
Lott for the Minister	62	3n	3	9	2	61	4	22	4	15
Lot for the Ministry	63	4n	3	20	2	62	4	23	4	—

## [DERRYFIELD INCORPORATED, 1751.]

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GEORGE the Second by the Grace of GOD of  
Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender  
of the faith &c<sup>a</sup>

To all to whom these Presents Shall come  
Derryfield Greeting—

Whereas our Loyal Subjects inhabitants of a Tract of Land

within our Province of New Hamp' aforesaid lying partly within that Part of our Province of New Hampshire calld Londonderry in Part & in Part in Chester & in part of Land not heretofore granted to Any Town within our Province aforesaid have Humbly Petitioned & requested to us that they may be erected & Encorporated into a Township & Infranchized with the Same Powers and Priviledges which other Towns within our Said Province by Law have & Enjoy—And it Appearing to us to be Conducive to the General good of our Said Province as well as of the Inhabitants in Particular by maintaining good order & encouraging the Culture of the Land that the Same Should be don—Know ye therefore that We of our Especial Grace Certain Knowledge & for the Encouragement & Promoteing the good Purposes & Ends aforesaid by & with the Advice of our Trusty & well beloved BENNING WENTWORTH Esq our Governour & Comander in Chieff & of our Council of our Province of New Hamp' aforesaid have Errected & ordained & by these Presents for our heirs & Successors Do will & ordain that the Inhabitants of A Tract of Land afore Said or that Shall Inhabit & Improve thereon hereafter butted & bounded as follows Viz beginning at a Pitch Pine Tree Standing upon the Town Line between Chester & Londonderry Marked (134) being the bounds of One of the Sixty Acre Lotts in Said Chester being the South East Corner of Said Lott Thence runing South into the Township of Londonderry One hundred & Sixty rods to a Stake & Stones thence runing West to Londonderrys North & South Line thence running South upon Londonderry Line to the head line of Litchfield to a Stake & Stones thence running upon the head Line of Litchfield to the Banks of Merrimack River thence running up Said River as the River Runs Eight miles to a Stake & Stones Standing upon the Bank of the Said River thence running East South East one Mile & three Quarters thro Land not

Granted to Any Town untill it comes to Chester Line  
 \*1-80 thence running Two Miles and an half & fifty \*Two rods on the Same Course into the Township of Chester to a Stake & Stones thence running South four Miles & an half to the bounds first mentioned All which Lands within the Said Bounds which Lyes within the Township of London Derry & Chester aforesaid not to be Lyable to Pay any Taxes or rates but as they Shall be Settled And By these Presents Are Declared and ordained to be A Town Corporate & Are hereby Errected & Incorporated into A Body Pollitick & a Corporation to have Con-



tinuance forever by the Name of Derryfield with All the Powers & Authorities Priviledges Imunities & Infranchizes to them the Said Inhabitants & thier Successors forever always reserveing to us Our heirs & Successors all white Pine Trees growing & being or that Shall hereafter grow & be on the Said Tract of Land fit for the use of Our Royal Navy reserveing also the Power of Divideing the Said Town to us our heirs & Successors when it Shall Appear necessary & Convenient for the Benefit of the Inhabitants thereof And As the Several Towns within our S<sup>d</sup> Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Are by Laws thereof Enabled & Authorized to Assemble & by the Majority of Votes to Choose all Such Officers as Are Mentioned in the Said Laws We Do by these Presents Nominate & Appoint John M<sup>c</sup>murphy Esq to Call the first Meeting of the Inhabitants to be held within the Said Town at Any Time within Twenty Days from the Date hereof Giveing notice of the Time Place & Design of holding Such Meeting in Said Town after which the Annual Meeting in Said Town Shall be held for the Choice of Town Officers &c<sup>a</sup> forever on the first monday in March Annually In Testimony whereof We have Caused the Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness BENNING WENTWORTH Esq our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff of our Said Province the third Day of September in the Year of Our Lord Christ one thousand Seven hundred & fifty One And in the Twenty fifth year of our reign—

B Wentworth—

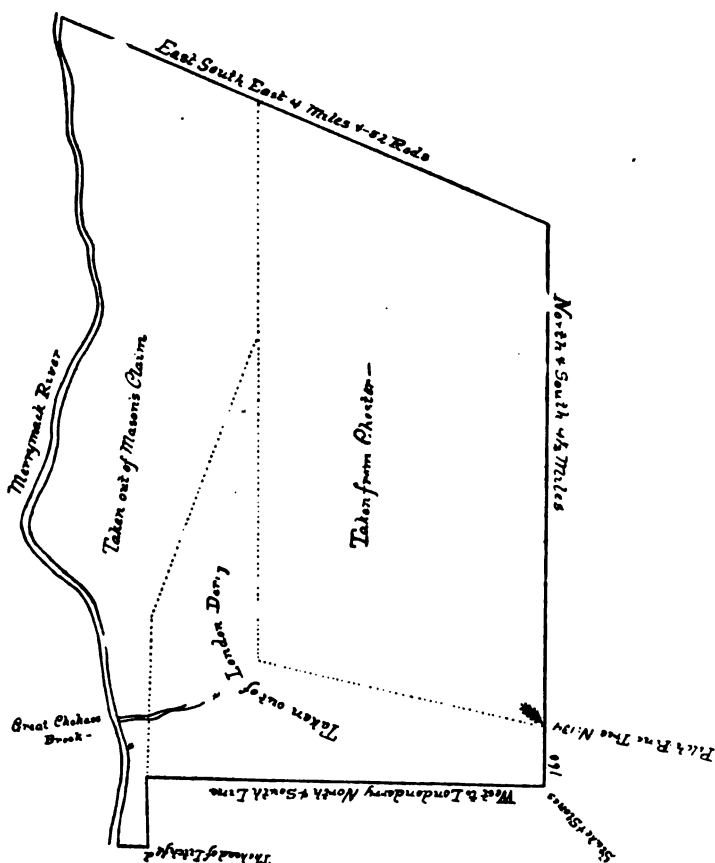
By his Excelencys Comand  
with Advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>r</sup>—

Prov<sup>s</sup> N Hamp<sup>r</sup> Entred & recorded According to the Original  
Charter under the Province Seal this 3<sup>d</sup> Day of September 1751

Ⓟ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>r</sup>

## A PLAN OF DERRYFIELD—



[GOFFE'S FERRY, 1766.]

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\*Province of New Hampshire—

Goffes Ferry.

GEORGE the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c<sup>a</sup>

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To all to whom these Presents shall Come Greeting

KNOW ye that we of our Especial Grace, Certain Knowledge

& mere Motion (by & with the advice of our Trusty & Well-beloved Benning Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> our Capt. General Governor & Command<sup>r</sup> in Cheif in & Over Our Province of New Hampshire in North America) Have giv'n & granted And by these Presents for Us our heirs & successors Do give & grant unto Our Loyal & most faithful Subject John Goffe of Derryfield in our said Prov: of New Hampshire Esq<sup>r</sup> the sole Right of Keeping a Ferry and of Keeping Useing & Employing a ferry boat & boats for the transporting of Men, Horses Goods Cattle Carriages &c<sup>a</sup> from the Shore of Derryfield afores<sup>d</sup> where the said John Goffe's dwelling House now stands, Across Merrimack River to the opposite Shore of Bedford, & from Beford Shore Opposite his Said House unto Derryfield Shore afores<sup>d</sup> To Hold the said Ferry and Priviledge of a Ferry, with all Ferryage Advantages Emoluments perquisites & Profits thereunto belonging unto him the s<sup>d</sup> John Goffe Esq<sup>r</sup> His heirs, Executors, Administrators & Assigns from the Day of the date Hereof for Ever to his & their only Proper Use & behoof for Ever Upon the following Conditions Viz<sup>t</sup> that he & they do & shall at all times Keep such boats & give such Attendance & behave as the Now (or any hereafter) Laws do or may Require. And as a further Encouragement to the s<sup>d</sup> John Goffe in and about the Premises We Will that none of our Loving Subjects do presume to molest or Interrupt the s<sup>d</sup> John Goffe in his s<sup>d</sup> Ferry or set up any other ferry upon or across the s<sup>d</sup> River Merrimack within the space of Two Miles above or below the Ferry of the s<sup>d</sup> John Goffe In Testimony whereof we have Caus<sup>d</sup> the Public Seal of our s<sup>d</sup> Prov to be hereunto affixd Witness our s<sup>d</sup> Governor B Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> the 7<sup>th</sup> day of Novem<sup>r</sup> in the 7<sup>th</sup> Year of our Reign Anno: Domini 1766

B Wentworth

By His Excellency's Comm<sup>d</sup>

T: Atkinson Jun. Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Province of New Hampshire 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 1766-

Recorded according to the Original, under the Province Seal

Attest: T: Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>ry</sup>

## [MERRILL'S FERRY, 1767.]

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\*Province of New Hamp'

Merrells  
FerryGeorge the Third by the Grace of God of Great  
Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the  
Faith &\*

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To all to whom these presents Shall come  
Greeting

Know Ye that We of our Special Grace certain Knowledge & Mere Motion by & with the advice of our Trusty & well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq our Cap' General Governour & Comand' in Chieff in & over Province of New Hamp' in North America Have Given & granted & by these Presents for us our heirs & Successors do give & Grant unto our Loyal & Most Faithfull Subject Abraham Merrel of Derryfield in our Yoeman the Sole Right of keeping a Ferry & of keeping useing & Employing a Ferry Boat & Boats for the Transporting of Men Horses Goods Cattles Carriages &\* from the Land where he now Dwells a Cross Merrimack River to the opposite Shore of Bedford & from Bedford Shore opposite his Said Land unto Derryfield aforesaid To Hold the Said Ferry & Previdelges of a Ferry with all Ferryage advantages Emoluments Perquisites & Profitts thereunto belonging unto him the Said Abraham Merrell his Heirs Executors Admistrators & Assigns from the Day of the Date hereof for ever to his & there only Proper Use & behoof for ever upon the following Conditions Viz that he & they do & Shall at all Times keep Such Boats & give such Attendance & behave as the Now (or any hereafter) Laws do or may Require and as a further Encouragement to the Said Abraham Merrill in & about the Premises we will that none of our Loving Subjects do presume to Mollest or Interrup the Said Abraham Merrill in his Said Ferry or Sett up any other Ferry upon or across the Said River Merrimack within the Space of Two Miles above or below the ferry of the Said Abraham Merrill

In Testimony whereof We have Caused the Publick Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness our Said Governor Benning Wentworth Esq the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of May in the Seventh Year of Our Reign Annoq Domini 1767 B Wentworth

By his Excellencys Com<sup>d</sup>T: Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>r</sup>

Recorded According to the original under the Province Seal  
this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1767 T: Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>r</sup>

## MARLOW.

[Granted as *Addison* January 1, 1753, to Elias Alexander and others. Regranted as Marlow October 7, 1761, to William Noyes and others. The charter was renewed January 24, 1772. All that part of the town east of the "Curve Line" was annexed to Stoddard June 21, 1797.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 546; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 572; Index to Laws, 334; sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 314; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 311; Something About Marlow, by G. B. Griffith, 4, Granite Monthly, 61; Baptist Churches in New Hampshire, by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 8; Lawrence's New Hampshire Churches, 1856, p. 283.]

## [ADDISON CHARTER, 1753.]

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Addison

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GEORGE the Second by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c<sup>a</sup>

To all Persons to whom these Presents Shall Come Greeting

Know Ye that We of our Especial Grace Certain Knowledge & mere motion for the Due Encouragement of Settling A New Plantation within our Said Province By & with the Advice of our Trusty & well beloved BENNING WENTWOTH Esq our Govern<sup>r</sup> & Comander in Chieff of our Said Province of New Hampshire in America & of our Council of the Said Province HAVE upon the Conditions & Reservations hereafter made Given & Granted & by these Presents for us our heirs & Successors do give & Grant in Equal Shares unto our Loveing Subjects Inhabitants of our Said Province of New Hampshire & his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Other Govern<sup>ments</sup> and to their heirs and assignes for ever whose names Are Entered on this Grant to be Divided to & amongst them into Seventy five Equal Shares All that Tract or Parcel of Land Scituate Lying & being within our Province of New Hampshire Containing by Admeasurement Twenty three thousand & forty Acres which Tract is to Contain Six Miles Square & no more out of which an allowance is to be made for high ways unimprovable Lands by Rocks Mountains Ponds & Rivers One thousand & forty Acres

free According to A Plan thereof made & Presented by our Said Governours orders And hereunto Annexed butted & bounded as follows (Viz) Begining at the South East Corner of Newton & Runing from thence North by the Needle Six Miles And one hundred & ninety two Rods to a Stake & Stones from thence East by the Needle Six Miles & three quarters to A Stake & Stones from thence South 20<sup>4</sup> West Six miles 288 Rods to A Stake & Stones from thence West by the Needle four Miles 128 Rods to the first bounds mentioned & that the Same be and is Incorporated into A Township by the Name of ADDISON and that the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit s<sup>d</sup> Township Are hereby Declared to be Infranchized with & Intitled to all & Every the Prevelidges and Im'unities that other Towns within our Said Province by Law Exercise & Enjoy & further that the Said Town as Soon as there Shall be fifty families Resident & Settled thereon Shall have the Liberty of Holding two fairs one  
 \*1-128 of which Shall be held on the \*and  
 the Other on the Annually which

fairs Are not to Continue & be held Longer than the Respective following the Said Respective

Days And as soon as the s<sup>d</sup> Town Shall Consist of fifty families A Market Shall be Opened & kept one or more Days in Each Week as may be tho' most advantagious to the Inhabitants Also that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers agreeable to the Laws of our Said Province Shall be held on the first Tuesday in March next which meeting Shall be Notifyd by Elias Alexander who is hereby Also Appointed the Moderator of the S<sup>d</sup> first Meeting which he is to Notify & Govern Agreeable to the Laws & Customs of our Said Province And that the Annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such officers of Said Town Shall be on the first Tuesday in March Annually To HAVE & TO HOLD the Said Tract as above Expressed togeather with all the Prevelidges & Appurtenances to them & thier Respective heirs & Assignes for ever upon the following Conditions (Viz) That every Grantee his heirs or Assigns Shall Plant or Cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres Containd in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in Said Township and Continue to Improve & Settle the Same by additional Cultivations on Penalty of the forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the Said Township & its Reverting to his Majesty his heirs & Successors to be by him or them Regranted to Such of his Subjects as Shall Effectually Settle & Cultivate the Same—That

All white & other Pine Trees within the Said Township fit for Masting Our Royal Navy be Carefully Preserved for that use & none to be Cutt or felled without his Majesties Special Lycence for So doing first had & Obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee his heirs or assignes to us our heirs & Successors as well as being Subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are or hereafter Shall be Enacted—That before Any Divission of the Said Lands be made to and amongst the Grantees A Tract of Land as near the Center of the Township as the Land will admit of Shall be Reserved & Marked Out for Town Lotts one of which Shall be allotted to Each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre Yielding & Paying therefor to us our heirs & Successors for the Space of ten years to be Computed from the Date hereof the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only on the first day of January Annually if

\*Lawfully Demanded The first Payment to be made on \*1-129 the first Day of January after the Date hereof & Every Proprietor-Setler or Inhabitant Shall Yield & pay unto us our heirs & Successors Yearly and every Year for ever from & after the Expiration of the Ten years from the Date hereof namely on the first Day of Jan<sup>y</sup> which will be in the Year of our Lord Christ one thousand Seven hundred & Sixty four One Shilling Proclamation money for every hundred Acres he So owns Settles or Possesses and So in Proportion for a Greater or Lesser Tract of the Said Land which money Shall be paid by the Respective Persons above Said their heirs or assignes in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to Such officer or officers as Shall be Appointed to receive the Same And this to be in Lieu of all other Rents & Services whatsoever In Testamony hereof we have Caused the Seal of Our Said Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness BENNING WENTWORTH Esq Our Governour & Comander in Chieff of our Said Province the first Day of January in the Year of our Lord Christ 1753 and in the 26<sup>th</sup> year of Our Reign—

B Wentworth

By his Excellencys Com'and  
with advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Entered & Recorded According to the Original under the Province Seal this first day of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1753—

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

## The Names of the GRANTEES of ADDISON—

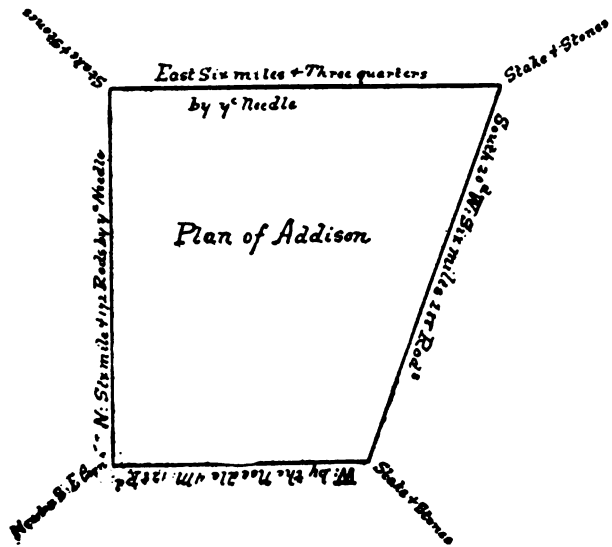
Elias Alexand,	Jonathan Hubbard,	Daniel Eastbrook
John Stucklor,	Joseph Billings	Elsha Martin,
Elisha Allis,	Elijah Allis jun <sup>r</sup>	John Taylor,
Nathaniel Hawks,	Zadoc Hawks,	Samuel Stebbins,
Jonathan Ashley jun <sup>r</sup>	Elihu Ashley,	John Wentworth jun <sup>r</sup>
Job Marsh,	Ezekiel Jones,	Edward Smith
James Thompson,	Phineas Ashley,	Jotham Buck,
Moses Marsh,	Moses Marsh jun <sup>r</sup> ,	Oliver Warner,
Andrew Warner	Samuel Marsh,	Daniel Montague,
Peter Marsh	Sam <sup>l</sup> Cleveland	Samuel Partridge
	John Hutchins,	James Hutchins,
		John Clark
*1-130	*Benjamin Clark,	Benjamin Bellows,
		Joseph Clark,
	Aaron Scott,	Moses Scott,
		Moses Brewer,
James Akins,	John Brabrooks,	Daniel Brooks
Benj <sup>a</sup> Brooks,	Aaron Brabrooks	William Porter,
Aaron Porter,	John White,	Jonathan White,
Elisha Alexander,	Josiah Brown	Thomas Read,
John Cuming,	Elnathan Blood,	William Spauldin,
William Symes,	Samuel Kenady,	Samuel Gilchrist,
Mathew Livermore,	Oreb Taylor,	Joseph Read,
Robert Boyce,	Mathew Thornton,	Henry Sherburne,
Theodore Atkinson,	Ellis Huske,	Richard Wibird,
Samuel Smith,	John Downing,	Samuel Solley,
Sampson Sheaffe,		His Excellency Benning Wentworth

Esq A Tract of Land to Contain five hundred Acres which is to be Accounted two of the within mentioned Shares, one whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in forreign Parts, One whole Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel in Said Town, One whole Share for A Glebe for the Ministry of the Church of England as by Law Established

Entered & Recorded from the Back of the Charter of Addison this first day of Jan<sup>r</sup> 1753—

✠ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>r</sup>





Taken from the Plan on the back of the Original Charter of Addison the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> 1753

⌘ Theodore Atkinson Se<sup>r</sup>

[MARLOW CHARTER, 1761.]

\*Province of New-Hampshire.

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Marlow

{ P — S }

GEORGE THE THIRD,  
By the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France  
and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &c.  
*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come,*  
Greeting.

KNOW Ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge,  
and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New*  
*Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of  
our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our  
Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of NEW-  
HAMPSHIRE, in *New-England*, and of our COUNCIL of the said  
Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein

after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, Twenty Three Thousand & Forty Acres, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds Montains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Begining at the South Easterly Corner of A Township Formerly granted in this Province by the Name of Newton & Runing from thence North by the Needle Six Miles & One hundred & Ninty two Rods to a Stake & Stones from thence East by the Needle Six Miles & three Quarters of a Mile to a Stake & Stones, from thence South Twenty Degrees West Six Miles & Two Hundred & Eighty Eight Rods to a Stake & Stones, from thence West by the Needle Four Miles & One Hundred Twenty Eight Rods to the Bounds first above Mention'd And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Marlow And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the

And the other  
on the annually, which Fairs are not to continue  
longer than the respective following the said

and that as soon as the said Town shall  
\*2-226 consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be \*opened and  
kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought  
most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting  
for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our  
said Province, shall be held on the Third Tuesday in Nov' next  
which said Meeting shall be Notified by M<sup>r</sup> Ezra Selldon who is  
hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting.

which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*. 1762

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the above-said twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1772 *One Shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so

owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber in Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the Seventh Day of October In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty One And in the First Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,  
With Advice of COUNCIL,  
Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Province of New Hamps' Octo<sup>r</sup> 7, 1761

Recorded According to the Original Charter under the Province Seal

¶ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

\*2-227 \*The Names of the Grantees of Marlow (Viz\*)

William Noyes	John Sill	Jasper Peck
William Matson	Wolston Brockway	William Brockway 3 <sup>d</sup>
Ezra Selldon	Benj <sup>a</sup> Hide	Sam <sup>l</sup> Mathur Jun <sup>r</sup>
Eph <sup>m</sup> Brockway	Evi Rowland	John M <sup>c</sup> Curdy
Marshfield Parson	Jon <sup>a</sup> Alger	Nathan Brockway
Samuel Ely	Elijah Hudson	Sam <sup>l</sup> Guston
Edward Brown	Nehemiah Rice	Nathan <sup>l</sup> Peck
Jabez Dewolf	Phineas Beckwith	Joseph Clerk
William Lay	Giles Lee	Thomas Clerk
Elishu Ely	Daniel Williams	Edmond Snow
John Bull	Elihu Ely	Sam <sup>l</sup> Holden Parson
John Nelson	Isaac Hall	John Beckwith
John Peck	Rich <sup>d</sup> Sill	Stephen Wilcox
Phinaes Chapman	Stephen Clerk	Nath <sup>l</sup> Jones
Dan <sup>l</sup> Bushnell	Jabez Chalker	Gideon Waters
Stephen Nott	Joseph Canfield	Joel Canfield
Hopestill Cruttenden	Gideon Jones	Josiah Nott
Lemuel Bushnell	Israel Spencer	Sam <sup>l</sup> Seldon
Edward Lay	Jared Spencer	John Cirtland

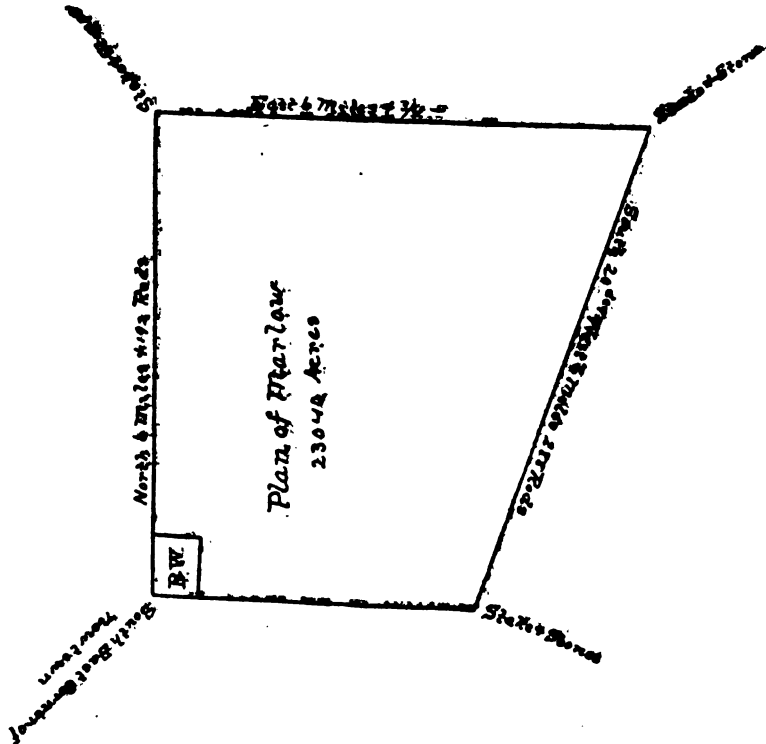
Richard Wibird Esq<sup>r</sup> Joseph Newmarch Esq<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> George King  
 John Bettingham Ebenezer White Joseph White &  
 William Ayres

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq a Tract of Land to Contain Five Hundred Acres as Marked B-W- in the Plan which is to be Accounted two of the within Shares One whole Share for the Incorporated society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts, One Share for a Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established, One Share for the First Settled Minister of the Gospel & One Share for the Benefit of a School in said Town—

Province of New Hampshire Octo<sup>r</sup> 7. 1761

Recorded from the back of the Original Charter of Marlow under the Province Seal—

Attested  Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>



Province of New Hamps<sup>r</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1761  
 Recorded from the back of the Original Charter of of Marlow  
 under the Province Seal

⌘ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

[MARLOW CHARTER RENEWED, 1772.]

\*1-399 \*Province of New } GEORGE the THIRD by the Grace  
 Hampshire } of God of Great Britain France and  
 Ireland KING Defender of the Faith &c.—  
 { L. S. } TO ALL to whom these Presents shall  
 come GREETING

WHEREAS We of our special Grace  
 (Marlow extended) certain knowledge and mere Motion for  
 the due encouragement of settling a New Plantation within our said  
 Province of New Hampshire by our Letters Patent or Charter under  
 the Seal of our said Province, dated the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 1761, in  
 the first Year of our Reign did grant a Tract of Land, equal to  
 Six Miles sq<sup>re</sup> bounded as therein express'd to a Number of our  
 loyal Subjects whose Names are enter'd on the same to hold to  
 them their Heirs & assigns on the Conditions therein declared to  
 be a Town Corporate by the Name of MARLOW as by reference to  
 the said Charter may more fully appear. And whereas the said  
 Grantees have prefer'd a Petition to our Governor of our said  
 Province in Council, specifying sundry Difficulties which prevented  
 of their full compliance with the Terms of the Grant aforesaid, and  
 that the said Town is in great forwardness of being completely  
 settled & therefore Praying that no advantage may be taken of the  
 breach of the Conditions aforesaid, but that some further Time may  
 be allowed them to fulfill the same; All which being duly Con-  
 sider'd,

KNOW YE that we being willing to encourage & promote the  
 Cultivation & Settlement of the said Tract, Have of our further  
 Grace & favour suspended our Claim of the forfeiture which the  
 said Grantees may have Incurred & by these Presents for us our  
 Heirs & Successors, (by and with the advice of our Trusty and  
 well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq: our Governor & Commander  
 in chief of our said Province & of our Council of the same) do  
 grant unto the said Grantees their Heirs and Assigns the further  
 Term of Three Years from the date hereof for performing and ful-

filling the Conditions Matters and Things by them to be done as aforesaid; Except the Quit Rents which are to remain \*due and payable as expressed and Reserved in the \*1-400 Original Grant or Charter.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have Caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness our Governor & Commander in Chief aforesaid the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January in the 12<sup>th</sup> Year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1772.

J' Wentworth.

By his Excellency's Command  
with advice of Council—

Theodore Atkinson Secretary.

Province of New Hampshire 24<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1772.

Recorded according to the Original Grant under the Province Seal.

Attest :

### MARTIN'S LOCATION.

\*Province of New Hampshire \*4-140

Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Martin } George the third by the Grace of God of  
Grant } great Britain France & Ireland King De-

{ P—S }

fender of the Faith &c—

To all to whom these Presents shall come—  
Greeting—

Whereas we have tho<sup>t</sup> fit by our Proclamation at S<sup>t</sup> James's the Seventh Day of October in the third Year of Our Reign Annoq Domini 1763 among other things to Testify our Royal Sence & Approbation of the Conduct & Bravery of the officers & Soldiers of our Armies and Signified our Desire to reward the Same & have therein com<sup>d</sup>anded & empowered our Several Governours of our respective Provinces on the Continent of America to grant without fee or reward to Such Reduced Officers as have Served in North America during the late War & to Such Private Soldiers as have or Shall be disbanded there & shall Personally Apply for the Same such Quantities of Land respectively as in & by our afores<sup>d</sup> Proclamation Are Perticularly mentioned subject Nevertheless to the Same Quit Rents & Conditions of Cultivation & improvement

as other our Lands Are Subject to in the Provinces in which they are granted and Whereas Thomas Martin of Portsmouth in Our County of Rockingham And Province afore Said Merch<sup>t</sup> was appointed A Conductor of Artillary Stores & Served under General Amherst in America and is now reduced and he having personally Applied & Solicited for such Grant Agreeable to our afores<sup>d</sup> Proclamation Know Ye that we of Our Special Grace, Certain knowledge and Mere Motion do Signify Our Approbation as Aforesaid and for Encouraging the Settlem<sup>t</sup> & Cultivation of our Lands within Our Said Province of New Hampshire in New England have by & with the Advice of our Trusty and well beloved John Wentworth Esq Our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff of Our Said Province & of Our Council of the Same Agreeable to our aforesaid in Part recited Proclamation & upon the Conditions & Reservations hereafter mentioned) given & granted and by these Presents [for us] our Heirs & Successors do give & Grant unto the Said Thomas Martin & to his heires & Assigns forever A Certain Tract or Parcell of Land Situate Lying & being within Our Said Province of New Hampshire & containing by Admeasurement Two Thousand Acres according to a Plan or Survey thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our Said Province by our Said Governor's Order & Returnd into the Secretary's office of our Said Province a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed butted & bounded as follows (Viz) Begining at a Beach Tree Standing in the South Boundary Line of Shelburne Addition Two Hundred & Ten Rodds Easterly of Pebody River so called from thence runing South Twenty degrees West five Hundred & Sixty four Rodds to A red Birch Tree thence North Eighty Two degrees West five Hundred & Eighty Two rods to a red Birch Tree, thence North Twenty degrees East five Hundred & Sixty four rods to a hemlock Tree thence South Eighty two deg<sup>s</sup> East five hundred & Eighty Two rods to the bound first mentioned.— To HAVE & TO HOLD the S<sup>d</sup> Tract of Land as above expressed with the appurtenances to him the S<sup>d</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Martin & to his heirs & assigns forever upon the following Terms (Viz)

FIRST That the Said Grantee shall Cut clear & make \*4-141 Passable for Carriages &c<sup>e</sup> \*A Road of three rods wide thro' the Said Tract as shall at any Time hereafter be directed or ordered by the Govern<sup>t</sup> & Council afore Said which Road shall be Completed in one Year from the Date of Such Order or Direction afore Said on Penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant and of its reverting to us our Heirs & Successors—



SECOND That the Said Grantees Shall Settle or cause to be be settled Four Families in Five Years from the Date of this Grant in failure whereof the Premises to us our heirs and Successors to be by us or them entered upon & regranted to such of our Subjects as Shall effectually settle & cultivate the same—

THIRDLY That all White & other Pine Trees fit for masting our royal Navy be carefully Preserved for that Use & none to be Cut or felled without Our Special Licence for so doing first had & obtained on Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee in the Premises his heirs & assigns to us our heirs & Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties prescribed by any Present as well [as] future Act of Parliament.

FOURTHLY That any Part of the Said Tract appearing to be well adapted to the Growth of Hemp or Flax the Said Grantee shall Sow & continue annually to Cultivate a Due Proportion of the Said Land not less than fifty Acres in every thousand Acres with that Beneficial article of Produce.—

FIFTHLY. Yielding & Paying therefor to us our Heirs & Successors on or before the first Day of January 1775 the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if Lawfully Demanded.

SIXTHLY That the said Grantee his heirs or assigns shall [yield] & Pay unto us our heirs & Successors Yearly & every Year Forever from & After the Expiration of Ten Years from the Date of this Grant which will be in the Year of our Lord Christ 1783 One Shilling Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns Settles or Posses and so in Proportion for A greater or lesser of the Land aforesaid which Money shall be paid by the Proprietor owner or Settler in our Council Chamber in Portsm<sup>o</sup> or to Such officer or officers as shall be appointed to receive the Same as these to be in Lieu of all other rents & Services whatsoever.—In Testimony whereof we have Caused the Seal of our Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness John Wentworth Esq our afores<sup>d</sup> Governour & Com'ander in Chieff the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of Jan<sup>ry</sup> in the Thirteenth Year of Our Reign Annoq Domini 1773.

J Wentworth.

By his Excellency's Comand  
with Advice of Council—

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Recorded According to the Originall Under the Province Seal  
the 24<sup>th</sup> Day of Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1773—

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

See y<sup>o</sup> Plan on the Other Side



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## [THOMAS MARTIN TO JOHN BROWN, 1779.]

\*5-171 \*KNOW ALL MEN by these Presents that I Thomas Martin of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham in the State of New Hampshire Esq<sup>r</sup> for and in Consideration of the sum of one thousand two hundred Pounds lawful money of said state to me in hand paid by John Brown of Providence in the State of Rhode Island Esq<sup>r</sup> have given quitclaimed released and Confirmed and by these Presents do give quitclaim, release & confirm unto the said John Brown and his Heirs & Assigns all my Right Title Intrest Claim Challenge & Demand of in and to the Within mentioned Two Thousand Acres of Land be the same more or less with all the Priviledges and appertinances thereto belonging To have and to hold the same clear of all Govermental Taxes or any other Costs or Expences whatsoever unto this Day,  
 5-172 unto him the said John Brown and his Heirs & Assigns for ever to hold possess and enjoy the same in the same manner as I my self could have done by Vertue of this within mentioned Grant so that no person holding or Claiming by from or under Me my Heirs, Executors Administrators or Assigns Shall ever hereafter have Right or Claim to the Premises which are particularly described admeasured & pland as may appear by the Annexed Plan thereof Reference being had thereto, and Ann the Wife of the said Thomas for the Consideration aforesaid do hereby acquit all her Right of Dower & Power of Thirds in and to the Premises In witness Whereof we have hereunto set our Hands and Seals this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 1779

Signed sealed and delivered }  
 In the presence of Us }

John Wendell }  
 Geo<sup>e</sup> Gains }

{ Th<sup>o</sup> Martin { seal }  
 { Ann Martin { s l } }

State of New Hampshire } Portsmouth April 26 1779  
 Rockingham ss } Personally appeared the above  
 Named Thomas Martin & Ann his wife & acknowledge this  
 Instrument to be their Voluntary act & Deed

Before Geo<sup>r</sup> Gains Justice Peace

Recorded According to the Original

Attest E Thompson Scy

## MASON.


[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors as *Number 1*, Nov. 1, 1749, to William Lawrence and others. Incorporated as Mason, Aug. 26, 1768, and named in honor of Capt. John Mason. The inhabitants voted, June 22, 1768, to call the town "Sharon," but the governor named it Mason. Greenville was set off and incorporated June 28, 1872. The line with Greenville was established July 2, 1873.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; papers under title Groton (old grant) in Massachusetts charters preceding; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 577; Index to Laws, 336; History, by John B. Hill, 1858, pp. 323; sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 513; Two Lectures on History of Mason, by Ebenezer Hill, 1846, pp. 16; Memoir of Rev. Ebenezer Hill, with his discourse on history of the town, by John B. Hill, 1858, pp. 114; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 11, 20; Lawrence's New Hampshire Churches, 1856, pp. 206, 209; Centennial Celebration, 1868, pub. 1870, pp. 115; Celebrations, 23, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 354.]

## [MASON INCORPORATED, 1768.]

*1-303	*Province of New } Hampshire }	GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender
Mason		

of the faith &c<sup>a</sup>

 To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting

WHEREAS our Loyal Subjects Inhabitants of a Tract of Land within our Province of New Hampshire known by the Name of N<sup>o</sup> ONE and containing about Five miles square and bounded as here after mentioned. Have humbly Petitioned and Requested us that they may be erected and incorporated into a Township and enfranchised with the same Privileges with other Towns within our said Province have and Enjoy by Law—AND it appearing unto us to be conducive to the general Good of our said Province as well as of the said Inhabitants in particular, by maintaining good Order & encouraging the Culture of the Land, that the same should be done KNOW YE therefore that we of our especial Grace, certain Knowledge and for encouraging & promoting the good purposes and ends aforesaid, and with the advice of our Trusty and well-beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> Our Gov<sup>r</sup> and Commander in Cheif of our Council for said Province Have erected & ordained and by these Presents for us,

our heirs & successors, Do will and ordain that the Inhabitants of the Tract of Land aforesaid and others who shall inhabit & improve thereon hereafter (the same being buttet and bounded as follows Viz. Beginning at a Stake and stones on the said Province Line, then runing on the same line five miles and Twenty Rods to the South east Corner of New Ipswich then runing N° on New Ipswich line five miles to a white Pine tree to Wilton Corner, then runing East on the South line of Wilton five miles to a Hemlock tree, then runing S° 5 miles by the needle to the bounds first mentioned.) be and hereby are declared to be a Town Corporate, and are hereby erected and incorporated into a Body Politic and Corporate to have Continuance for Ever, by the name of MASON with all the Powers and Authorities, Privileges, Immunities and Franchises, which any other Towns in said Province by law have & Enjoy, to the said Inhabitants or who shall hereafter Inhabit there and their Successors for Ever, (always reserving to us our heirs and successors all WHITE PINE Trees which are or shall be found growing and being on the said Tract of land fit for the use of our Royal NAVY. Reserving also to us our heirs and Successors the Power and right of dividing the said Town when it shall appear necessary and convenient for the Inhabitants thereof. PROVIDED Nevertheless and it is \*hereby \*1-304 declared that this Charter and Grant is not intended nor shall in any manner be Construed to extend or affect the private property of the Soil within the Limits aforesaid—And as the several Towns within our said Province are by Laws thereof enabled & Authorised to Assemble and by a Majority of the Voters present to chuse all such Officers and transact all such affairs as in the said Laws are declar'd—We do by these Presents nominate & appoint Obadiah Parker Gent. to call the first meeting of said Inhabitants to be held within the said Town at any time within Forty days from the date hereof, giving legal Notice of the time and design of holding such meeting. after which the annual Meeting of said Town shall be held for the Choice of said Officers and the purposes aforesaid on the 2<sup>d</sup> Monday in March annually. IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Public Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed WITNESS JOHN WENTWORTH Esq: our aforesaid Governor the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August in the Eighth year of our Reign Annoque domini 1768.

J<sup>r</sup> Wentworth.

By his Excellency's Command  
with advice of Council

T : Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

Recorded according to the Original, this 30<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1768. •

Attest. T : Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>y</sup>

### MEREDITH.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors Dec. 31, 1748, to Samuel Palmer and others, and called *Palmer's-town*, afterwards *New Salem*, some of the settlers coming from Salem. This territory was previously mentioned as *Second Township*. Incorporated as Meredith Dec. 30, 1768. Two islands in Winnipiseogee Lake were annexed Dec. 30, 1799. Laconia was set off and incorporated July 14, 1855. A part of Meredith was annexed to Centre Harbor July 3, 1873.]

See Masonian Papers in following volumes: XII, Hammond Town Papers, 581; Index to Laws, 340; sketch, Hurd's History of Belknap County, 1885, p. 833; Glimpses of the History of Old Meredith, by J. E. Fullerton, 3, Granite Monthly, 437; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, pp. 252, 302; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 7, 9, 22; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 501; Central New Hampshire, by G. F. Bacon, 1890, p. 37.]

### [MEREDITH INCORPORATED, 1768.]

*1-323	*Province of New	}	GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c <sup>a</sup>
	Hampshire		

Meredith.

To ALL to whom these Presents shall come GREETING

WHEREAS our Loyal Subjects Inhabitants of a tract of Land within our Province of New Hampshire known by the name of NEW SALEM and containing Six miles square, and bounded as hereafter mentioned, have humbly Petitioned us that they may be erected and Incorporated into a Township and enfranchised with the same Privileges which other Towns within our said Province have & enjoy by Law, and it appearing unto us to be conducive to the general good of our said Province as well as of the said Inhabitants in particular by maintaining good order and encouraging the Culture of the land that the same should be done KNOW YE that we of our special grace certain knowledge & for the encouragement and promotion of the good purposes and ends aforesaid, and with the advice of our Trusty and well-beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor and Commander in Cheif of our said Province

& of our Council of the Same, have erected and ordained, and by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors Do will and ordain that the Inhabitants of the Tract of Land aforesaid and others who shall improve thereon hereafter, the same being butted and bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at a Hemlock tree mark'd with Sundry Letters and spotted on 4 sides, standing at the Great Bay on Winipiesiokee River at the N: E: side line of Sanborn Town, where Said line leaves said Bay, thence runs North westerly bounding on said Sanborn Town Five miles & 124 rods to a beach Tree marked, it being the corner bounds between said Towns, thence N<sup>o</sup> 55 Degrees East ten miles and 226 Rods to an hemlock tree and Spruce tree marked both standing on a Rock, thence S<sup>o</sup> 35 Degrees East 30 Rods to a Pine tree markd standing on a ledge of Rocks by the side of Winipiesiokee Pond where a small brook or branch runs into said Pond on the Easterly side of said Pine tree, then bounding on said Pond, River & Bays till it comes to the bounds began at. be & hereby are declared to be a Town Corporate, and \*are hereby erected and Incorporated into \*1-324 a Body Politic and corporate to have Continuance & Succession for ever: by the Name of MEREDITH with all the Powers and Authorities, Priviledges, Immunities & Franchises which any other Towns in said Province by Law have & Enjoy, to the said Inhabitants or who shall hereafter Inhabit there, and their Successors for Ever: (always reserving to us our heirs & Successors all WHITE PINE trees which are or shall be found growing and being on the said Tract of Land fit for the use of our Royal navy reserving also to us our heirs & Successors the Power & Right of dividing said Town, when it shall appear necessary and Convenient for the Inhabitants thereof: PROVIDED nevertheless and 'tis hereby declared that this Charter and grant is not intended and shall not in any manner be construed to affect the Private property of the Soil within the Limits aforesaid, & as the several Towns within our said Province are by the Laws thereof enabled & Authorised to Assemble & by the Majority of the Voters present to chuse all Officers and transact such affairs as in the said Laws are declared. We do by these Presents nominate & Appoint EBEN<sup>r</sup> SMITH to call the first meeting of said Inhabitants to be held within the said Town at any time within three months from the date hereof, giving legal notice of the time & design of holding such meeting after which the Annual meeting in said Town, shall be held for the choice of said Officers and the Purposes afores<sup>d</sup> on the first monday in April annually

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caus'd the Seal of our said Province to be hereto affixed Witness our afores<sup>d</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup> & Commander in Chief this Thirtieth day of Decem<sup>r</sup> in the 9<sup>th</sup> year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1768

J Wentworth

By his Excellency's Command  
with advice of Council

T: Atkinson Jun. Sec<sup>y</sup> { L.S. }

Recorded according to the Original Incorporation this 30<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1768

Att: Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

### MERRIMACK.

[This was a part of the Old Dunstable grant. Incorporated April 2, 1746. An addition of all that part of the town north of the Souhegan river was granted Jan. 1, 1750.

See Massachusetts charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 548; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 586; Index to Laws, 342; Centennial Address, by S. T. Allen, 1846; sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1883, p. 527; History of the Old Township of Dunstable, by C. J. Fox, 1846, p. 223; papers under title Dunstable; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 210, 211; Proceedings at the Dedication of the Thornton Monument erected to the memory of Matthew Thornton, September 29, 1892, pub. by authority of the state, 1894.]

### [MERRIMACK INCORPORATED, 1746.]

\*L-26 \*Province of } George the Second by the Grace  
New Hampshire } of God of Great Brittain France &  
Ireland King Defender of the faith &c<sup>a</sup>

{ P. Seal } To all to whom these Presents Shall Come  
Greeting

Whereas Sundry of our Loyal Subjects Inhabitants Merrimack Charter of a Tract of Land within the Antient Boundaries of A Town Called Old Dunstable in our Province of New Hampshire on the Westerly Side of Merrimack River herein after Described have Humbly Petitioned & Requested of us that they may be Errected & Incorporated into a Township and Infranchised with the Same Powers Authorities & Previledges which Other



Towns within our S<sup>d</sup> Province by Law have & Enjoy and it Appearing to us to be Conducive of the General good of our S<sup>d</sup> Province as well as of the S<sup>d</sup> Inhabitants in Particular by maintaining of Good order And Encouraging the Culture of the Land that the Same Should be done—Know ye therefore that we of Our Especial Grace Certain Knowledge & for the Encouragement & Promoteing the good Purposes & Ends Afore S<sup>d</sup> by & with the Advice of Our Trusty & Wellbeloved Benning Wentworth Esq Our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff & of our Council for S<sup>d</sup> Province Have Errected Incorporated & ordained & by these Presents for us Our heirs & Succesors do will & ordain that the Inhabitants of the Tract of Land Afore S<sup>d</sup> (Bounded as follows Viz) begining at the River Merrimack Where Penichuck Brook comes into that river then by S<sup>d</sup> Penichuck brook to Penichuck Pond then Due North by the magnet to Sougheag River then by that river to Merrimack River then on the West Side Merrimack River to the Place where it first began & that Shall Inhabit the Same be & by These Presents Are Declared and ordained To be a

\*Town Corporate & Are hereby Errected & Incorporated \*1-27 into a Body Pollitick & a Corporation to Have Continuance forever by the Name Merrimack with All Powers And Authorities Previledges Immunities & Franchises which other Towns within S<sup>d</sup> Province or any of them by Law have & Enjoy To have & to hold the S<sup>d</sup> Powers And Authorities Immunities & franchises to them the S<sup>d</sup> Inhabitants & their Succesors for ever—Allways reserving to us our heirs & Successors all white Pine Trees growing & being & that Shall hereafter grow & be on the Said Tract of Land fit for the use of our Royal Navy—Reserving Also the Power of Dividing the S<sup>d</sup> Town to us our heirs & Succesors when it Shall Appear Necessary or Convenient for the benefit of the Inhabitants thereof And as the Several Towns within our S<sup>d</sup> Province are by Laws thereof Enabled and Authorized to Assemble & by the Majority of Votes to Choose all Such Officers as Are mentioned in the s<sup>d</sup> Laws We do by these Presents Nominate & Appoint Coll Joseph Blanchard to Call the first meeting of the Said Inhabitants to be held within the S<sup>d</sup> Town at Any Time within Thirty Days from the Date hereof Giving Legal notice of the Time Place & Designe of Holding Such meeting In Testimony whereof we have Caused the Seal of our S<sup>d</sup> Province to be hereunto affixed Witness Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff of our S<sup>d</sup> Province the Second

Day of April in the Year of our Lord Christ 1746 & in the 19<sup>th</sup>  
year of Our Reign

B Wentworth

Entred & Recorded According to the Original the 5<sup>th</sup> Day of  
April 1746

⌘ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Mem<sup>o</sup> See the Plan belonging to this Charter recorded in Page  
25 with the Charter of Dunstable which Plan was upon the Back of  
the Original Charter of Merrimack as above recorded—

Attest<sup>r</sup> Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

[MERRIMACK ADDITION, 1750.]

\*1-69 \*Province of } GEORGE the Second by the Grace  
New Hamp<sup>r</sup> } of God of Great Brittain France & Ire-  
Merrimack's land King Defender of the faith &c<sup>a</sup>—

Addition— To all Persons unto whom these Presents Shall  
Come Greeting

{ P S }

Whereas By our Charter bearing Date the Second  
Day of April in the year of our Lord Christ one  
thousand Seven hundred & forty Six and in the  
nineteenth year of his Present Majesties Reign—We Did Incorporate a Certain Town in our Said Province by the Name Merrimack by Such boundaries, with Such Priviledges and under Such Limitations as Are Expressd in the Said Charter the Quantity of Land therein being about Eight thousand Acres—And whereas the Inhabitants thereof have Lately represented to us that the Said Lands is very mean & ordinary and therefore Incapable of Supporting Such a Number of Inhabitants as will Enable them to Support the Charge of a Town without a further addition of Land & Inhabitants

Wherefore they Humbly Pray that an Addition may be made to the Said Town of Merrimack on the Notherly Side thereof of a Track of Land of about Three Miles in breadth & about four Miles & an half in Length which being tho' for the benefit of our Said Subjects & for the Mutual advantage of the whole Inhabitants We Do by these Presents By & with the Advice of our Trusty & Well beloved BENNING WENTWORTH Esq our Governour and Com'ander in Chieff & of our Council for Said Province of New

Hampshire Will & ordain that A Certain Tract of Land in Breadth about Three miles & in Length about four miles & an half Bounded as followeth (Viz) begining at a Place three miles north of the bridge over Sowhegon River at John Chamberlains House and from thence to run East by the Needle to Merrimack River and to Extend that Line West from the Place three miles North from the bridge afore Said until in Intersects A Line on a Point North by the needle from the North West corner bound of the Town of Merrimack heretofore Incorporated To bound Westerly on that Line & on Merrimack River Easterly & on Sowhegon River Southerly Shall be & hereby is Annexed to And United with the Said Town of Merrimack with all the Inhabitants that Are or Shall be thereon and that the Shall be & hereby is \*Incorporated with the Said Town with the \*1-70 respective Inhabitants that Are or Shall be on Each of the Said Parcells of Land and is hereby Declared to be one Intire Corporation or body Pollitick by the Name of Merrimack (to go in Succession forever) With all the Priviledges Powers Franchizes & Im'unities that any other Town within this Province has holds & Enjoys by Law Excepting as hereafter Excepted To have & to hold to the Said Inhabitants & to their Successors for ever only hereby reserving all white Pine Trees that Are growing or Shall hereafter grow thereon to his Majesties Use reserveing also the Power of Divideing the Said Town When it Shall be tho' Necessary to us our heirs & Successors forever

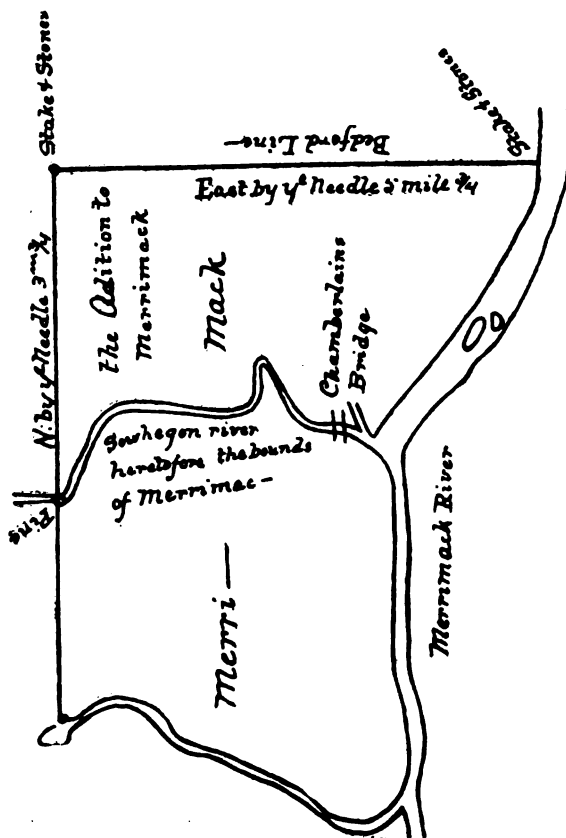
In Testimony whereof We have Caused the Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto Affixed Wittness Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff of our Said Province the first Day of June in the Twenty third year of our reign Annoq Domini 1750—

B Wentworth

By his Excelencys Com'and  
with Advice of Council  
Theodore Atkinson Se<sup>r</sup>

Entred & recorded According to the Original under the Province Seal this 5<sup>th</sup> of June 1750—

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Se<sup>r</sup>

Recorded June 5<sup>th</sup> 1750Theodore Atkinson Sen<sup>r</sup>

[LUTWYCHE'S FERRY, 1766.]

\*1-292 \*Province of New Hampshire

Lutwych

{ P S }

Ferry

George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &<sup>ac</sup>

To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting  
Know Ye that We of our Especial Grace certain  
Knowledge & Meer Motion have Willed Given &

Granted and by these Presents do for us our Heirs & Successors give & Grant unto our Leige Subject Edward Goulstone Lutwych of Merrimack within our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid Esq the Sole Previlidge of keeping a Ferry & of keeping using & Employing a Ferry Boat & Ferry Boats for Transporting Men Horses & Carriages goods & things from the Shore of Merrimack aforesaid where the Said Edward Goulstone Lutwych now Dwells cross the River Merrimack to the opposite Shore of Litchfield & from that last Mentioned Shore to Merrimack Upon the following Conditions Viz that the Said Grantee does & Shall at all Times keep such Boats & Such Attendance as the Law now doth or may require To Have & to Hold the Said Ferry & Previlidge of a Ferry on both Sides of the Said River as aforesaid with all Ferriages Profitts & Advantages & Appurtenances unto him the Said Edward Goulstone Lutwyche his heirs Executors Administrators & Assignes from the Day of the Date hereof to his & their only Proper Use & behoof forever and for the Encouragement of the Said Edward Goulstone Lutwyche to keep Such Boats & give such Attendance as aforesaid We do strictly forbid our Loving Subjects to Interfere with the Same Ferry or set up any other Ferry within the Space of Two Miles above or below the Same before granted Ferry upon or across the Said River Merrimack In Testimony whereof We have caused the Publick Seal of our Said Province of New Hampshire to be hereunto affixed Wittness Our Trusty & Well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq our Captain General Govern<sup>r</sup> & Commander in Chieff in & over Our afores<sup>d</sup> Province & Vice Admiral of the Same The Eighth Day of July in the Sixth Year of Our Reign Annoq Domini 1766—

B Wentworth

By his Excellencys Com<sup>d</sup>

Theod<sup>r</sup> Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Entered & Recorded according to the Original Patent under the Province Seal this Nineth Day of July Anno Domini 1766

Ⓢ T Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>ry</sup>

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### MILAN.

[Granted as *Paulsbourg* Dec. 31, 1771, to Sir William Mayne and others. Incorporated as Milan Dec. 16, 1824.

See Index to Laws, 345; sketch, Fergusson's History of Coös County, 1888, p. 830; Inscriptions from the Burying Ground, by W. B. Lapham, 5, Granite Monthly, 220; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 610.]

## [PAULSBOURG CHARTER, 1771.]

\*4-63 \*Province of New } GEORGE the THIRD by the Grace  
                   Hampshire } of God of Great Britain France and  
 (Paulsbourg)                Ireland, King Defender of the Faith  
                                   &c<sup>a</sup>.

TO ALL PEOPLE to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

KNOW YE that we of our special Grace certain knowledge & mere Motion for the due encouragement of settling a new plantation within our said Province of New Hampshire in New England by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our Governor & Commander in chief in and over our said Province of New Hampshire & of our COUNCIL of the same Have upon the Conditions & Reservations herein after made given & granted and by these Presents for us our heirs & Successors do give and grant unto our leige & loving Subjects Sir William Mayne Bar<sup>t</sup> Robert Mayne Esq<sup>r</sup> George Gray Esq<sup>r</sup> John Graham Esq<sup>r</sup> Walter Kennedy Esq<sup>r</sup> William Botts Esq<sup>r</sup> Paul Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> John Nelson Esq<sup>r</sup> John Ward Esq<sup>r</sup> Robert Graham Esq<sup>r</sup> David Scrymgeour Esq<sup>r</sup> Colin Mackenzie Esq<sup>r</sup> Thomas Mayne Esq<sup>r</sup> Edward Mayne Esq<sup>r</sup> William Scrwns Esq<sup>r</sup> : The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Robert Needham Samuel Smith Esq<sup>r</sup> : & Thomas Evans Esq<sup>r</sup> : & William Wentworth of Barbadoes Esq<sup>r</sup> who have made Application to us for the same, setting forth their readiness to enter upon & improve the Premises immediately, and to the respective Heirs and Assigns of the said Grantees for Ever, to be equally divided to & amongst them, a certain Tract or parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of New Hampshire containing something more than Six Miles Square, and is by admeasurement THIRTY ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED and FIFTY FOUR Acres being about Fifty Acres to each in their Families (exclusive of, &) out of which an allowance is to be made for highways & unimproveable Lands by Rocks Mountains & Waters One thousand & Forty Acres free according to a plan thereof exhibited by our Survey<sup>r</sup> General of Lands for our said Province by our said Governor's Order & returned into the Secretarys office of our said Province, a Copy whereof is hereunto annex'd Butted and Bounded as follows VIDELICET Beginning at a Beech Tree being the South East corner of Maynesborough & runs North 30 Degrees East 5 Miles & 80 Rods to a rock maple Tree spotted and marked with the letters P. B. then turning off & running North 82 Deg<sup>s</sup> West 10 Miles to a Beech Tree spotted & marked as afore-

said, then turning off and running South 30 Deg<sup>s</sup> West 5 Miles & 80 Rods to a Rock maple Tree spotted & marked as aforesaid, then turning off & running South 82 Deg<sup>s</sup> East 10 Miles by Maynesborough aforesaid to the Beech Tree began at. To HAVE & TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all the Privileges & Appurtenances to \*them \*4-64 the said William Mayne, Robert Mayne, George Gray, John Graham, Walter Kennedy, William Botts, Paul Wentworth, John Nelson, John Ward, Robert Graham, David Scrymgeour, Colin Mackenzie, Thomas Mayne, Edward Mayne, William Scrwens, Robert Needham, Samuel Smith, & Thomas Evans and William Wentworth & to their respective heirs and Assigns for ever by the Name of PAULSBOURG upon the following Terms Videlicet

FIRST. That the said Grantees at their own Cost shall cut clear & make passable for Carriages of all kinds a Road of Five Rods wide through the said Tract hereby granted, which said Road shall be completed in Two Years from the date of this Grant, in failure of which the Premises & every part thereof shall be forfeited and revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them reenter'd upon and regranted to any of our loving Subjects.

SECOND That the said Grantees shall settle or cause to be settled Fifteen Families by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1774, who shall be actually cultivating some part of the said Land & resident on the same, & to continue making further and additional Improvement Cultivation & Settlement of the Premises so that there shall be actually settled thereon Sixty Families by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1782 on penalty of the forfeiture of any and every Delinquents Share & of such Share or Shares reverting to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon & regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle & cultivate the same.

THIRD That all white & other Pine Trees being and growing within & upon the said Tract of Land fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use & that none be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had & obtained upon the penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee his Heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are or hereafter shall be Enacted.

FOURTH That before any Division of the Land be made to & among the Grant<sup>a</sup> a Tract of Land as near the centre of the said

Township as the Land will admit of shall be reserved & marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of Four Acres.

FIFTH Yielding and paying therefor to us our Heirs and Successors on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1781, the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded.

SIXTH That every Proprietor Settler, or Inhabitant shall yield and pay unto us our Heirs and Successors yearly & every \*4-65 year forever from \*and after the expiration of one year from the abovesaid 1<sup>st</sup> day of January namely on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January which will be in the year of our Lord Christ 1782, ONE SHILLING Proclamation money for every hundred Acres he so owns settles or possesses and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land, which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid their Heirs or Assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsm<sup>o</sup>—or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; And these to be in lieu of all other Rents & Services whatsoever.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province of New Hampshire to be hereunto affixed Witness our GOVERNOR & Commander in chief aforesaid the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in the year of our Lord 1771, & in the 12<sup>th</sup> year of our Reign.—

By his Excellency's Command }  
with advice of Council }

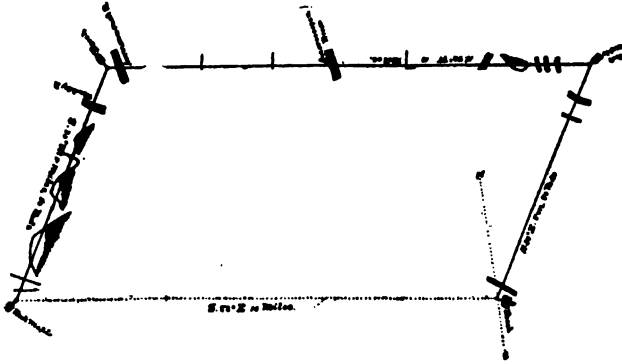
J' { L S. } Wentworth.

Theodore Atkinson Secretary.

Province of New Hampshire Dec<sup>r</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> 1771

Recorded according to the Original Charter of Paulsbourg under the Province Seal. Attest: Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>





Province of New Hampshire Portsm<sup>o</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1771.

These may Certify that this Plan of Paulsbourg (so called) Beginning at a Beech Tree, being the N. Easterly corner Bounds of Maynesborough, from thence running N. 30° E. 5 Miles & 80 Rods to a Rock Maple Tree, from thence running N. 82° W. 10 miles to a Beech Tree, from thence running S. 30° W. 5 Miles & 80 Rods to a Rock Maple Tree, from thence running S. 82° E. 10 Miles to the Bounds first mentioned. Contains 31,154 Acres of Land, and is a true Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Tract or Township as taken & returned to me by Cap<sup>t</sup> Hubartis Neal D<sup>r</sup> Surveyor.

Attest: Is: Rindge S<sup>r</sup>

### MILFORD.

[Constituted from parts of Hollis, Amherst, and the Mile Slip, and included Charlestown and Duxbury School Farms. Incorporated January 11, 1794. Unsuccessful attempts at incorporation were made in 1779 and 1780. A portion of Amherst was annexed December 20, 1842, and a portion of Lyndeborough June 27, 1873.

See Massachusetts charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 397; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 603; Index to Laws, 345; sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 55; History, by G. A. Ramsdell, in press; Bill of Mortality, 1806-'21, 2, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 32; sketch, by J. B. Connor, 5, Granite Monthly, 175; Milford Springs, 8, *id.*, 207; Baptist Churches in New Hampshire, by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 15; Lawrence's New Hampshire Churches, 1856, p. 213; sermons, by Humphrey Moore, 1836,

pp. 24; Report of Proceedings at Centennial Celebration, 1894, *The Farmers' Cabinet*, June 28, 1894; "One of Many: A Sketch of Milford," by G. H. Moses, XVI, *Granite Monthly*, 389.]

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## MILLSFIELD.

[Granted March 1, 1774, to George Boyd and others, and named in honor of Thomas Mills.

See Index to Laws, 351; sketch, Fergusson's History of Coös County, 1888, p. 955; Lawrence's New Hampshire Churches, 1856, p. 610.]

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### [MILLSFIELD CHARTER, 1774.]

*4-196	*Province of	}	GEORGE the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c.
	New Hampshire		
	MILLSFIELD		

TO ALL to whom these presents shall come greeting

KNOW YE that we of our special Grace certain knowledge and mere motion for the due encouragement of settling a new Plantation within our said Province by and with the advice of our trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor and Commander in chief of our said Province of New Hampshire in New England and of our Council of the said Province Have upon the conditions and reservations herein after made given and granted and by these Presents for Us our Heirs and Successors do give and grant in equal Shares unto our loving Subjects Inhabitants of our said Province of New Hampshire and our other Dominions who have petitioned us for the same setting forth their readiness to make immediate Settlement and to their Heirs and Assigns forever whose Names are entered on this Grant to be divided to and amongst them into eighty two equal Shares all that Tract or parcel of Land situate lying and being within our said Province of New Hampshire containing by admeasurement twenty three thousand two hundred Acres Out of which an allowance is to be made for Highways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks Mountains and Waters One thousand Acres free according to a Plan or Survey thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province by our said Governor's order & returned into the Secretary's Office of our said Province

a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed butted and bounded as follows viz<sup>t</sup> Begining at a Red Birch Tree which is the North-westerly Corner bound of Dummer (so called) from thence runing South eighty two degrees East five Miles by said Dummer to a Spruce Tree which is the Southwesterly Corner Bounds of Errol, thence North eight degrees East Seven Miles and eighty rods by said Errol—to a red Birch Tree being the North-westerly Corner thereof thence North eighty two degrees West five Miles to a Rock Maple Tree & thence South eight degrees West Seven Miles & eighty Rods to the red Birch Tree first mentioned To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of land as above expressed together with all privileges & appurtenances to them and to their respective Heirs and Assigns forever by the Name of MILLSFEILD upon the following conditions viz<sup>t</sup>

\*FIRST That the Grantees at their own Cost shall cut \*4-197 clear bridge and make passable for Carriages of all kinds a Road of four rods wide through the said Tract hereby granted as shall be at any time hereafter directed by our said Governor and Council which road shall be completed in one Year from the date of such directions in failure of which the Premises and every part thereof shall be forfeited and revert to Us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them reentered upon and regranted to any of our loving Subjects

SECONDLY That all white pine and other pine Trees within the said Township fit for masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use and none to be cut or felled without our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the right of the Grantee his Heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties of any Act or Acts of Parliament that are or hereafter shall be enacted

THIRDLY That before any division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees a Tract of Land as near the Center of the said Township as the Land will admit of shall be reserved & marked out for Town Lots one of which shall be allotted to each grantee of the Contents of One Acre.

FOURTHLY Yielding and paying therefor to Us our Heirs and Successors on or before the first day of March 1780 the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded

FIFTHLY That every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant shall yield and pay unto Us our Heirs and Successors yearly & every Year forever from and after the expiration of ten Years from the

date of this Grant One Shilling proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he so owns settles or possesses & so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid their Heirs or Assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to Such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same

SIXTHLY That any part of the Premises appearing well adapted to the growth of Hemp and Flax or either of them shall be cultivated with these useful Articles of produce in the proportion of ten Acres in each and every hundred of these granted Premises within ten Years of this date

\*4-198 \*SEVENTHLY That ten Families shall be settled and actually resident in the Town within two Years of this date

EIGHTHLY That additional Settlements be made so as to complete sixty Families in six Years of this date

NINTHLY That this Grant shall not interfere with any of our Grants formerly made and now in force nor interrupt the Grantees in their Improvements making thereon agreeable to the Conditions thereof. These to be in lieu of All other rents and Services whatsoever

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed, Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor and Commander in chief aforesaid the first day of March in the fourteenth Year of our reign and in the Year of our Lord Christ 1774

By his Excellency's command  
with advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

#### The Names of the Grantees of Millsfeild.

George Boyd Esq <sup>r</sup>	Daniel Tilerson jun <sup>r</sup>	Peter Grant
James Richardson Esq <sup>r</sup>	John Wood	Samuel Smith
Timothy White	Rev <sup>d</sup> Obadiah Noble	Jonathan Child
Robert Peaslee	Shubael Cross	Amasa Woodworth
Amos Peaslee	John Woodward	Joel Woodworth
Israel Morey Esq <sup>r</sup>	Solomon Morey	Elisha Woodworth
John Morey	Benjamin Baldwin j <sup>r</sup>	David Thompson
Ebenezer Swan	Ebenezer Baldwin	William Thompson
Frederick M. Bell	Nathan Dewey	William Marston
Abijah Willard Esq <sup>r</sup>	Abraham Palmer	Jacob Marston

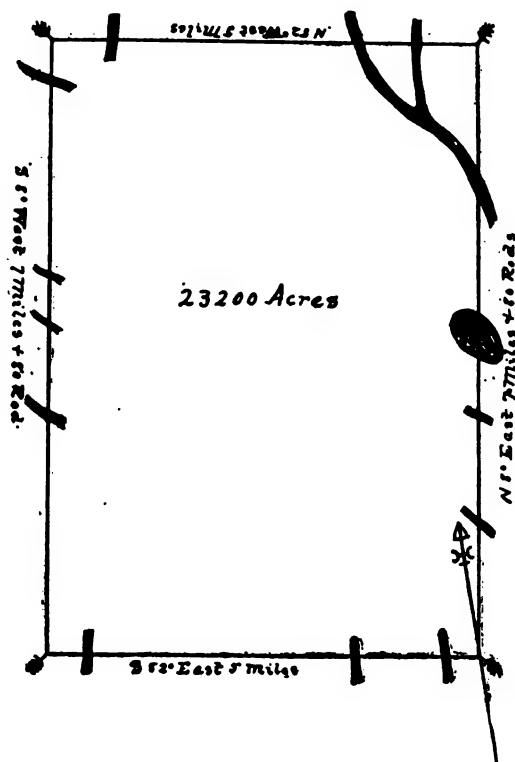
John Sprague Esq <sup>r</sup>	Samuel Phelps	William Marston jun <sup>r</sup>
Luther Richardson	Zenos Morey	Matthew Miller
Ebenezer Green	John Morey	James Miller
Daniel Tillerson	Joel Phelps	Timothy Bartholomew
Aaron Stiles	John White	Benjamin Chamberlin
Benjamin Stiles	James Reed jun <sup>r</sup>	Noah Grant
Jonathan Derby	James Reed Esq <sup>r</sup>	Silvanus Owen
Amos Palmer	Benjamin Grant	John Roberts
Moses Palmer	Benjamin Grant j <sup>r</sup>	Andrew Bell
*Noah Dewey	Samuel Hunt	Thomas Macdonogh *4-199
Manasseh Divell	Reuben Grant	John Pingry Williams
John Sullendine	John Man	Moses Ross
Azariah Webb	Abel Skinner	Charles Waldron
Elijah Dayley	Walter Fairfield	Wentworth Brinley
Robert Kennedy jun <sup>r</sup>	S <sup>r</sup> Thomas Mills Kn <sup>t</sup>	Benning Wentworth
Ichabod Palmer	George Sprowle	
John Burnam Hanson	Samuel Cutts	

One Right for a Glebe for the Church of England by Law  
 established One Right for the benefit of a School in said Town  
 One right for the incorporated Society for the propagation of the  
 Gospel in foreign parts.

J { P. S } Wentworth

Recorded according to the original Charter under the Province  
 Seal this fourteenth day of March 1774

Attest<sup>r</sup> Geo : King D Sec<sup>r</sup>



Province of New } Portsmouth 20<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1774 This certifys  
 Hampshire } that this Plan of Millsfeild begining at a Red  
 Birch Tree which is the Northwesterly Corner Bound  
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 two degrees East five Miles by said Dummer to a Spruce  
 Tree which is the Southwesterly Corner Bound of Errol thence  
 North eight degrees East Seven Miles and eighty rods by said  
 Errol to a red Birch Tree being the Northwesterly Corner thereof  
 thence North eighty two degrees West five Miles to a Rock Maple  
 Tree and thence South eight degrees west Seven Miles and  
 eighty Rods to the red Birch Tree first mentioned contains twenty  
 three thousand two hundred Acres and is a true Copy of an

original Plan or Survey of said Tract or Township as taken and returned to me by Cap<sup>t</sup> Hubartus Neal Dep<sup>t</sup> Surv<sup>r</sup>

Attest Is Rindge S : G<sup>l</sup>  
Geo : King Dep<sup>t</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

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MILTON.

[Set of from Rochester and incorporated June 11, 1802. A portion of the town was annexed to Wakefield, June 23, 1858.

See papers under title Rochester; Index to Laws, 351; sketch, by C. C. Hayes, Hurd's History of Strafford County, 1882, p. 644; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 21, 22; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 335.]

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MONROE.

[Set of from Lyman and incorporated July 13, 1854. This territory is naturally separated from Lyman by Gardner Mountain.

See papers under title Lyman; Index to Laws, 354; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 551; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 581.]

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MONSON.

[Incorporated April 1, 1746, and comprised the northwest part of the Old Dunstable grant. On the 4th of July, 1770, in accordance with the desire of the inhabitants, the north part of the town was annexed to Amherst and the remainder to Hollis. An unsuccessful attempt was made in 1782 to secure the reincorporation of the town by its original boundaries.

See papers under title Dunstable; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 609; Index to Laws 354.]

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[MONSON INCORPORATED, 1746.]

\*Province of } George the Second by the Grace of \*1-30  
New Hamp<sup>t</sup> } God of Great Brittain France & Ireland

King Defender of the faith &c<sup>a</sup>

L  
P : Seal

To all to whom these Presents Shall come  
Greeting

Whereas Sundry of our Loyal Subjects  
Monson: Charter Inhabitants of a Tract of Land within  
the Antient Boundarys of A Town Called Old Dunstable in

our Province of New Hampshire on the Westerly Side of Merrimack River herein after Discribed Have Humbly Petitioned & requested of us that they may be Erected & Incorporated into A Township & Infranchized with the Same Powers Authorities & Priviledges which other Towns within our S<sup>d</sup> Province by Law have & Enjoy And it Appearing to us to be Conducive to the General good of our S<sup>d</sup> Province as well as of the S<sup>d</sup> Inhabitants in

Perticular by maintaining of good Order & Encourageing  
 \*1-31 \*the Culture of the Land that the Same Should be done

Know ye therefore that we of our Especial grace Certain knowledge & for the Encouragement & Promoteing the Good Purposes & Ends Afores<sup>d</sup> by & with the Advice of our Trusty & well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Commander in Chieff And of our Council for S<sup>d</sup> Province have Erected Incorporated & ordained & by these Presents for us our heirs & Successors do Will & ordain that the Inhabitants of the Tract of Land afores<sup>d</sup> bounded as follows Viz—Begining at the Line of Dunstable old Town four miles & one hundred & forty rods North by the Magnet of the Nothern Boundary line of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay then South Eighty Degrees East to Muddy Brook then by that brook to Penichuck Pond & from the North End of S<sup>d</sup> Pond North by the Magnet to Souhegon River then by the S<sup>d</sup> river to the head Line on the West Side of old Dunstable then South by the magnet on that Line to the Place where it began and that Shall Inhabit the Same be And by these Presents Are Declared And ordained To be a Town Corporate & Are hereby Erected & Incorporated into A Body Pollitick & a Corporation to Have Continuance for ever by the name of Monson with All the Powers & Authoritys Priviledges Imunities & Franchises which other Towns Within S<sup>d</sup> Province or Any of them by Law Have & Enjoy To have & to hold the s<sup>d</sup> Powers And Authorities Immunities & franchises to them the S<sup>d</sup> Inhabitants And their Successors for ever—Allways reserveing to us our heirs & Successors all white Pine Trees growing & being & that Shall hereafter Grow & be on the S<sup>d</sup> Tract of Land fit for the use of our Royal Navy reserveing Alsoe the Power of Divideing the S<sup>d</sup> Town to us our heirs & Successors when it Shall Appear Necessary

\*1-32 or Convenient for the Benefit of the Inhabitants thereof \*And as the Several Towns within our S<sup>d</sup> Province Are by Laws thereof Enabled & Authorized to Assemble & by the Majority of Votes to Choose All Such Officers As Are mentioned in the S<sup>d</sup> Laws We do by these Presents Nominate & Appoint Coll Joseph Blan-



chard to Call the first meeting of the S<sup>d</sup> Inhabitants to be-held within thirty days from the Date hereof Giveing Legal Notice of the Time Place & Designe of Holding Such meeting In Testimony whereof We have Caused the Seal of Our S<sup>d</sup> Province to be here-unto Affixed Wittness Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Com'ander In Chieff of Our S<sup>d</sup> Province the first Day of April in the Year of our Lord Christ 1746 & in the Nineteenth Year of Our Reign—

B Wentworth

By his Excelencys Com'and  
with Advice of the Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>r</sup>

Entred & Recorded According to the Original the  
Day of April 1746—

Ⓢ Theod<sup>r</sup> Atkinson Sec<sup>r</sup>

Mem<sup>o</sup> See the Plan belonging to this Charter recorded in Page (25) with the Charter of Dunstable which Plan was alsoe on the back of the Original Charter of Monson as recorded Above—

Attest<sup>r</sup> Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>r</sup>

[MONSON DIVIDED, 1770.]

\*Province of New Hampshire

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{ L. S. }  
(Monson  
divided)

GEORGE the Third by the grace of God of Great Britain ffrance and Ireland KING defender of the faith and so forth.

To ALL to whom these Presents shall come  
GREETING—

WHEREAS our loyal Subjects Inhabitants of a Tract of land heretofore Incorporated by the Name of Monson have Petitioned our Governor and Council of our said Province, setting forth, that in and about the centre of said Township, the land is so very barren & broken as to admit of scarce any Improvement, which renders it impracticable for their Civil or religious Polity and therefore humbly Pray that the said Town may be divided, and annexed to and Incorporated with the Towns of Amherst & Holles as is herein after expressed, said Town of Monson being between those Townships and adjoining to them respectively, and the said Towns of Amherst and Holles having been notified of said Petition, have signified their consent and desire that

the Prayer thereof may be granted : And it appearing unto us to be conducive to the general good of our said Province, as well as of the said Inhabitants in particular, by maintaining good order & encouraging the culture of the Land.—That the same should be done—Therefore KNOW YE that we of our special grace and mere motion and for encouraging and promoting the good purposes and ends afores<sup>d</sup> (by and with the advice of our Trusty and well-beloved John Wentworth Esquire our Governor and Commander in Chief, & of our Council of our said Province of New Hampshire) have ordained & declared and by these Presents do will, ordain & declare, that the said Town of Monson be and hereby is divided, and the Present Inhab<sup>ts</sup> and those who shall here after Inhabit thereon, are accordingly set off in the following manner Viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at the North east corner of said Town of Monson, then extending South by the Town of Merrimack two miles, then West, to the West line of said Monson, then North to Souhegan River, then down said River to the bounds first mentioned : be annex'd to the Town of Amherst : and that the remainder of said Monson be annexed to the Town of Holles. And the Inhabitants aforesaid according to the above division shall be held and deemed as part of the body politic of said Towns respectively, and are hereby entitled to hold & enjoy all Town Priviledges &c which any other of the Inhabitants of said Towns by Law hold and Enjoy. And shall also be subject to all the same Duties &c Provided nevertheless that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the assessing and collecting the Province Taxe or Taxes that are or may be demanded for this present year, but that the same shall be Assessed and Collected as tho' these Presents had not issued.—IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed WITNESS JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our Governor and Commander in chief aforesaid, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July in the 10<sup>th</sup> year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1770.  
J<sup>r</sup> Wentworth.

By his Excellency's Command  
with advice of Council—

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>r</sup>

Recorded according to the Original under the Province Seal  
this 5<sup>th</sup> July 1770 :

Attest : Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>r</sup>

MONT VERNON.

[Set off from Amherst and incorporated Dec. 15, 1803. A part of Lyndeborough was annexed Jan. 5, 1853.

See papers under title Amherst; Index to Laws, 354; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 215; sketch, by C. J. Smith, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 730; Proceedings at Quarter Centennial of Appleton Academy and McCollom Institute, 1876.]

NASHUA.

[This was a part of the Old Dunstable grant. Incorporated as *Dunstable* April 1, 1746. One Pine Hill belonging to *Dunstable* was annexed to Hollis Dec. 13, 1763. Two farms were taken from *Dunstable* and annexed to Hollis May 14, 1773. The name was changed to Nashua Dec. 8, 1836. Nashville was set off and incorporated June 23, 1842, but was re-united and the two incorporated as a city June 27, 1853.

See papers under titles Dunstable and Nashua in Massachusetts charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 193; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 622; Index to Laws, 158, 389, 392; Farmer's Belknap, note, p. 116; sketch, by O. C. Moore, 1, Granite Monthly, 57; sketch, by J. H. Goodale, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1886, p. 139; Dedication of Soldiers' Monument, 1889, pp. 124; Scraps of History, 1, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 57; History of the Old Township of Dunstable, by C. J. Fox, 1846; Bi-Centennial Celebration, 1873, pub. 1878, pp. 189; History of the Church of Christ in Dunstable, by F. Alvord, 1876, pp. 41; abstract history of same, etc., 1885; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 18; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 222, 225, 228; History of the Congregational Church and Exercises at the Dedication of the New Church Edifice, 1894; Indian Troubles at Dunstable, 2, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 303; Autobiography of Amos Kendall, edited by William Stickney, 1872; Account of Nashua, Poore's History of Merrimack Valley, p. 217; History of Education, 1, Granite Monthly, 220.]

[DUNSTABLE INCORPORATED, 1746.]

*Province of }	George the Second by the Grace of God	*1-23
New Hamp <sup>r</sup> }	of Great Brittain ffrance & Ireland King	
	Defender of the faith &c <sup>a</sup>	
	To All to whom these Presents Shall	
	Come Greeting—	
	Whereas Sundry of Our Loyal Subjects	
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Know ye therefore that We of our Especial Grace Certain Knowledge & for the Encouragement & Promoteing the good Purposes & Ends Afore S<sup>d</sup> by & With the Advice of Our Trusty & Well beloved BENNING WENTWORTH Esq our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff And of Our Council for S<sup>d</sup> Province have Erected Incorporated & ordained & By these Presents for us our heirs & Successors do Will & ordain that the Inhabitants  
 \*1-24 of the Tract of Land afore S<sup>d</sup>\*(Bounded as follows Viz)

begining at the rever Merrimack at the Nothern Boundary Line of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay & runs from the S<sup>d</sup> river Merimack North Eighty Degrees West five miles & forty rods to Nashua River Then by S<sup>d</sup> river to flints Brook then by flints brook into flints Pond then by a run of Water into Muddy Brook & Down Muddy brook into Penichuck pond then by Penichuck brook into Merrimack River to the Place where it first began And that Shall Inhabit the Same be & by these Presents Are Declared & ordained To be A Town Corporate And Are hereby Erected & Incorporated into A Body Polittick & a Corporation to have Continueance for ever by the Name of Dunstable with all the Powers and Authorities Previlidges Immunities & franchises to them the S<sup>d</sup> Inhabitants & their Successors forever—Allways Reserveing to us our heirs & Successors All white Pine Trees Growing & being & that Shall hereafter grow & be on the S<sup>d</sup> Tract of Land fit for the use of our Royal Navy Reserveing alsoe the Power of Divideing the S<sup>d</sup> Town to us our heirs & Successors when it Shall Appear necessary or Convenient for the Benefit of the Inhabitants thereof and As the Several Towns within our S<sup>d</sup> Province Are by Laws thereof Enabled & Authorized to Assemble & by the Majority of votes to Choose All Such Officers as Are Mentioned in the s<sup>d</sup> Laws We Do by these Presents Nominate & Appoint Coll Joseph Blanchard to Call the first Meeting of the S<sup>d</sup> Inhabitants to be held within the S<sup>d</sup> Town at any Time within Thirty Days from the Date hereof give-

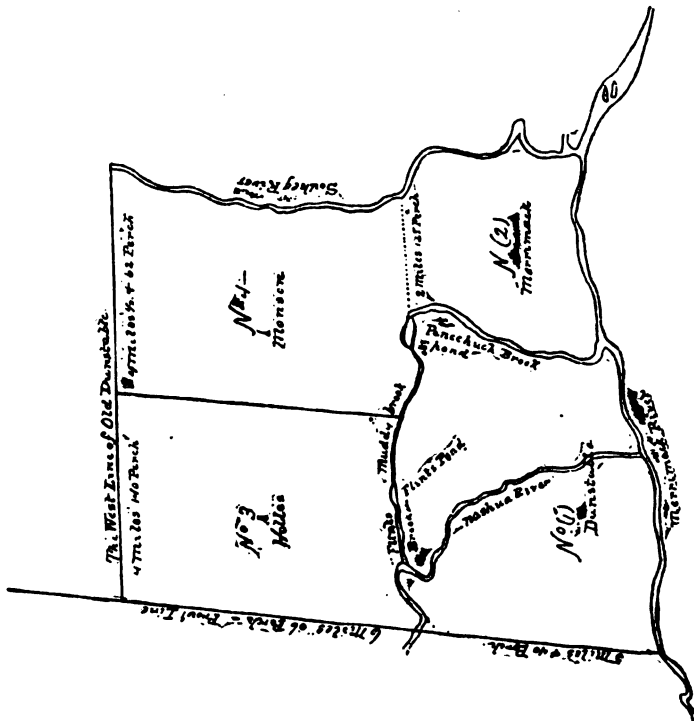
ing Legal notice of the Time Place & Design of Holding Such Meeting In Testamony whereof We have Caused the Seal of our S<sup>d</sup> Province to be hereunto Affixed Wittness Benning Wentworth Esq Our Govern<sup>r</sup> \*And Com'ander in Chief \*1-25 of Our S<sup>d</sup> Province the first day of April in the year of Our Lord Christ 1746 & in the nineteenth year of our reigne  
B Wentworth

By his Excelencys Comand  
with Advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Entred And Recorded According to the Original this 5<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1746—

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>



Copy of a Plan on the back of the Original Charter this 5<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1746  
Attest Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

## NELSON.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors as *Monadnock No. 6*, May 10, 1752, to John Hutchinson and others. The grant was renewed Sept. 30, 1767, and again Feb. 23, 1774. Incorporated as *Packersfield* Feb. 22, 1774, and named in honor of Thomas Packer. The present name was adopted June 14, 1814, to take effect Oct. 1, 1814. In 1777 an unsuccessful attempt was made to change the name to Sullivan. The northwest part of the town, combined with the other territory, was incorporated as Sullivan Sept. 27, 1787. The southwest corner was combined with other territory to form the town of Roxbury Dec. 9, 1812. The line between Nelson and Roxbury was changed June 15, 1820, by which Nelson lost a small tract. A small piece of land was severed from Stoddard and annexed to Nelson June 25, 1835.]

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 635; Index to Laws, 394, 416; sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 318; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 340; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 17; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 283; Biographical Notices of Physicians, by O. P. Newell, 1, N. H. Repository, 277.]

## [PACKERSFIELD INCORPORATED, 1774.]

\*4-189 \*Province of } GEORGE the third by the grace of  
New Hampshire } God of Great Britain France &  
Ireland King defender of the Faith &c  
To ALL PEOPLE to whom these Presents  
shall come greeting



PACKERFEILD WHEREAS our loyal Subjects Inhabitants  
of a Tract of Land within our Province of  
New Hampshire aforesaid commonly called and known by the  
name of Monadnoc number Six containing by estimation about  
six Miles square have humbly petitioned and requested Us that  
they may be erected & incorporated into a Township and enfran-  
chized with the same Powers and Privileges which other Towns  
within our said Province by Law have and enjoy and it appearing  
to Us to be conducive to the general Good of our said Province as  
well as of the said Inhabitants in particular by maintaining good  
order & encouraging the culture of the Land that the same  
should be done

KNOW YE that we of our special Grace certain knowledge and  
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ends aforesaid by and with the advice of our trusty and  
\*4-190 \*well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire Our Gov-  
ernor & Commander in cheif of our said Province and

of our Council of the same have erected and ordained and by these Presents for Us our Heirs and Successors do will and ordain that the Inhabitants of said Tract of Land and Others who shall improve and inhabit thereon hereafter the same being butted & bounded as follows viz<sup>t</sup> Begining at the Northwest Corner of Monadnoc number five so called at the Patent Line from thence runing South eighty degrees East on Monadnoc Number five & Dublin eight Miles from thence North ten degrees East by the Society Land five Miles from thence North eighty degrees west partly by the Society Land and partly by Monadnoc Number Seven eight Miles to the Patent Line from thence South ten degrees West by said Patent Line to the Bound first mentioned be and they are hereby declared to be a Town corporate by the Name of PACKERFEILD to have continuance forever with all the Powers and Authorities priveleges immunities & franchises which any other Towns in our said Province by Law hold & enjoy to the said Inhabitants or those who shall hereafter inhabit there and to their Successors forever Always reserving to Us our Heirs and Successors all white Pine Trees that are or shall be found being and growing within and upon the said Tract of Land fit for the use of our Royal Navy reserving also unto Us Our Heirs and Successors the Power of dividing the said Town when it shall appear necessary & convenient for the Inhabitants thereof PROVIDED nevertheless and it is hereby declared that this Charter and Grant is not intended and shall not in any manner be construed to affect the private Property of the Soil within the Limits aforesaid

And as the several Towns within our said Province are by the Laws thereof enabled and authorised to assemble and by the Majority of the Voters present to chuse all Officers and transact such Affairs as in the said Laws are declared We do by these presents nominate & appoint Breed Batcheller Esq to call the first Meeting of the said Inhabitants to be held within the said Town at any time within Sixty days from the date hereof giving legal notice of the time & design \*of holding such Meeting after which the annual meeting for said Town shall \*4-191 be held for the choice of said Officers and the Purposes aforesaid on the first Tuesday in the Month of August annually

IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness our aforesaid Governor and Commander in chief the twenty second day of February in the fourteenth Year of our reign Annoq. Domini 1774

J Wentworth

By his Excellency's command  
with advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Recorded according to the original Charter under the Province  
Seal this twenty second day of February 1774

Geo : King D : Sec<sup>y</sup>

## NEW BOSTON.

[Granted by Massachusetts Jan. 14, 1735-6, to John Simpson and others. The grant was confirmed by the Masonian Proprietors Feb. 2, 1748-9. Sometimes called *Lane's-Town* and *Boston Piscataquog Township*. Regranted Dec. 24, 1751, to Job Lewis and others. Incorporated as New Boston Feb. 18, 1763, and named from Boston, Mass. A small tract of land was severed and annexed to Goffstown June 18, 1836.

See Massachusetts charters preceding and Masonian Papers in following volumes ; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 553 ; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 642 ; Index to Laws, 395 ; History, by Elliott C. Cogswell, 1864, pp. 470 ; sketch, by Neil McLane, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 585 ; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 229 ; Articles of Faith and Covenant of First Presbyterian Church, with history of church and catalogue of members, 1869, pp. 32 ; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 14, 19.]

### [NEW BOSTON INCORPORATED, 1763.]

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\*Province of New Hampshire



GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great  
Brit<sup>n</sup> France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith  
&c

To all to whom these Presents shall Come GREETING  
New Boston WHEREAS Our Loyal Subjects inhabiting a Tract  
of Land within Our said Province of New Hampshire by the name  
of NEW BOSTON have humbly petitioned & requested Us that they  
may be Erected & Incorporated into a TOWNSHIP & enfranchised  
with the same powers & priviledges with other Towns within Our  
said Province & which they by Law have & Enjoy AND it appearing  
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Grace certain Knowledge & for the Encouragement & promotion of the good End and purpose aforesaid by & with the Advice of Our Trusty & well beloved \*Benning Wentworth \*1-257 Esq<sup>r</sup> Our Gov<sup>r</sup> and Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chief; and of Our Council for said Province of New Hampshire HAVE Erected & Ordained And by these presents for Us Our Heirs & Successors do will & Ordain That Our Loving Subjects residing on the Tract of Land aforesaid or that shall hereafter reside & improve thereon (the same being limited & bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> beginning at a Beech Tree the South East Corner & from thence North by the Needle two Degrees Westward Six Miles or until it Comes into the N: E. Corner formerly made under the Massachusetts Grant for the N: E. Corner of said Tract & from thence West by the Needle two Degrees to the Southward, and from the first bounds mentioned West by the Needle two degrees Southward Six Miles or until it meets with Salem Canada line So Called & turning & running N<sup>o</sup> by the Needle two degrees Westward two Miles or until it comes to the most N<sup>o</sup> Easterly Corner of Salem Canada Township as formerly laid out, then turning & running West as aforesaid two degrees Southerly so far & Extending the N<sup>o</sup> line of the premises likewise Westward untill a Line paralel with the East Line will Include the Contents of Seven miles long & Six miles broad as aforesaid) shall be & by these presents are declared & ordained to be a TOWN CORPORATE and are hereby Erected & Incorporated into a Body Politic & Corporate to have a Continuance untill His Majestys pleasure shall be Signified to the Contrary by the Name of NEW-BOSTON with all powers Authorities priviledges Immunities & franchises which any other Towns in said Province by Law holds & Enjoys always reserving to Us Our heirs & successors All White Pine Trees that are or shall be found growing & being on said Land fit for the Use of Our Royal Navy & reserving the right & power of dividing said Town when it shall appear necessary & convenient for the benefit of the Inhabitants thereof PROVIDED NEVERTHELESS And it is hereby declared that this Our Charter & Grant is not intended or shall in any manner be Construed to Extend to or effect the private property of the Soil within the Limits aforesaid And as the several Towns within Our said Province of New Hampshire are by the Laws thereof Enabled and authorized to Assemble & by the Majority of the Votes present to Chuse all such Officers & transact such Affairs as by the said Law are declared WE do by these presents Nominate & appoint JOHN GOFFE Esq<sup>r</sup> to Call the first Meeting any time within Twenty

Days from the Date hereof giving legal Notice of the time & design of holding such Meeting after which the Annual Meeting of said Town for the Choice of such officers & Management of the Affairs afores<sup>d</sup> shall be held within the same on the first Monday in March Annually In Testimony whereof We have Caused the Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed WIT-  
 \*1-258 NESS BENNING WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> \*OUR GOVERNOR and  
 Commander in Chief in & over Our said Province of  
 New Hampshire the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February in the third Year of Our  
 Reign Annoque Domini 1763

B Wentworth

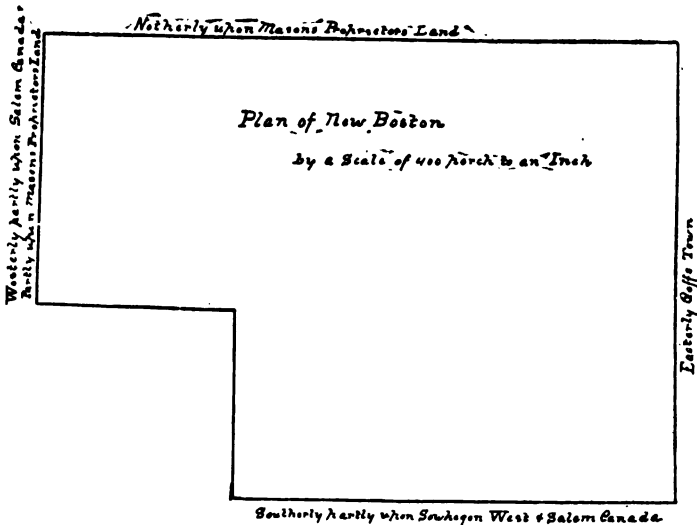
By his Excellency's Command.

T. Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> 1763

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## NEW CASTLE.

[Originally a part of Portsmouth known as *Great Island*. Set off and incorporated as New Castle May 30, 1693. That part of the town southwest of the river was annexed to Rye December 22, 1791.

See papers under titles Portsmouth, Dover, Exeter, Hampton and Isles of Shoals; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 558; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 670; Index to Laws, 404; Farmer's Belknap's History of N. H., chapters 1 and 2, *et seq.*; New Castle, Historic and Picturesque, by John Albee, 1884, pp. 155; special papers in appendix to preceding volume; sketch, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 388; sketch, 3, Granite Monthly, 446; New Castle and the Piscataqua, 12, *id.*, 73; Bi-Centennial Souvenir, 1893, pp. 51; Review of Early Records, by John Albee, 1, Proceedings of N. H. Historical Society, 413; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 252; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 95.]

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[NEW CASTLE INCORPORATED, 1663.]

[Original in Possession of the Town.]

William and Mary, by the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King and Queen, Defenders of the Faith, &c., to all people to whom these presents shall Come Greeting. Know yee that Wee of our especiall Grace, certain knowledge, and meer motion, have Given and Granted And by these presents as farr as in us lyes, Doe give and Grant to our beloved Subjects, Men and Inhabitants, within and upon Great Island, within our Province of New Hampshire, in New England, and the lands to them belonging, Running from a point of Land there on the South side of Saggamores Creek, called Sampsons point, and from thence Southwest by the outside of the fenced land of Saggamores Creek to the head of Aaron Moses field to an old Hemlock Tree by the side of the Road way, and from thence upon the aforesaid Southwest point to the Road way, between Sandy Beach and Greenland, leaving Greenland about three miles to the Westwards soe forwards upon the same point Hampton Bounds, and then East to the Sea, that the same be a Towne Corporate by the name of New Castle to the men and Inhabitants thereof forever. And Wee doe by these presents Give and Grant unto the said Men and Inhabitants of our towne of New Castle, all and every, the streetes, lanes and highways within the said Towne for the Publique use and service of the Men and Inhabitants thereof and travellers

there together with full power, lycence and authority to the said men and inhabitants within the said town forever, to establish, appoint, order and direct the establishing, making, laying out, ordering, amending and repairing of all streetes, lands, highways, ferry places and Bridges, in and throughout the said Towne, necessary, needful and convenient for the Men and Inhabitants of the said towne and for all travellers and passengers there: Provided always that our said Lycence soe as above granted for the establishing, making and laying out of streetes, lanes, highways, ferry places and Bridges, be not extended or constructed to extend to the taking away of any person or persons Right or Property without his, her, or their consent, or by some knowne law of our Province: To have and to hold and enjoy, all and singular, the premises aforesaid, to the said Men and Inhabitants of the said Towne of New Castle and their successors forever, Rendering and paying therefore unto us, our heirs and successors, or to such other office or officers as shall be appointed to receive the same yearly, the annual quitt rent of acknowledgement of Owne Peppercorn in the said Towne, on the five & twentieth day of October, yearly, forever. And for the better order, rule and government of the said Towne Wee doe by these presents Grant for us and our successors, unto the men and Inhabitants of the said Towne, That yearly and every year upon the first Tuesday of March, forever, they, the said men and inhabitants of our said Towne shall elect and choose by the major part of them, two sufficient and able men, householders in the said Towne, to be Constables for the year insuing, which said men so chosen and elected shall be presented by the then next preceding Constables to the next Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to be held for the said Province, there to take the accustomed oaths appointed by Law for the Execution of their offices, under such penaltyes as the Law of our said Province shall appoint and direct upon refusall or neglect therein.

And Wee do by these presents Grant for us, our Heirs and successors, unto the men and Inhabitants of the said Towne, That yearly and every year upon the said first Tuesday of March, forever, they, the said men and Inhabitants of our said Towne, or the major part of them, shall elect and choose three men, Inhabitants and house holders, within our said Towne, to be overseers of the poor and highways, or selectmen for our said Towne, for the year ensuing, with such powers, privileges and authorities as any overseers or selectmen within our said Province have and enjoy or ought to have and enjoy.

And wee doe farther by these presents Give and Grant for us, our Heirs and successors, unto the men and Inhabitants of the said Towne and their successors, forever, That they shall have and enjoy and use the Ferry the days of the Fairs of New Castle, aforesaid, forever, to be held there every Wednesday, and one Fair for two dayes, to witt, on the first Tuesday and Wednesdayes of July, forever together with all issues and profits to the said Market and Fair accrewing or happening, and all liberties and free customs, privileges and emoluments to the said Market and Fair belonging or appertaining :

To have and to hold the said Market and Fair with issues and profits and liberties and free customs, privileges and emoluments to the same or either of them accrewing or happening, belonging or appertaining to the said men and Inhabitants of our said Towne of New Castle and their successors, forever.

In testimony whereof Wee have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness, John Usher Esqr. our Lieuutennt, Govenor and Commander in Cheife of our said Province at our said Towne of New Castle, the thirtyeth day of May, in the fifth year of our Reigne, Annoque Domi, 1693.

Jn. Usher.

By the Leiut. Governours Command,  
Theo. Davis Sec'ry.

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[*Bounds of New Castle.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries." p. 11.]

The Bounds of The Town of New Castle—

Contayning Greatisland The South Side of Saggamores Creek as far as a A Point Comonly Called Sampsons point Thence Southwest by The fenced Land of Saggamores Creek To The head of Aaron Moses his feild to An old hemlock tree by The Side of the road Way and from Thence On the Afores<sup>d</sup> South West point to the Roadway between Sandy Beach and Greenland leaveing Greenland About Three Miles Westward Soe forwards On The Same point to Hampton Bounds Soe East to the Sea—

Taken from the originall Grant By

James Leach        } Select  
Theo : Atkinson } Men

## NEW DURHAM.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors May 5, 1749, to Jonathan Chesley and others, and sometimes called *Cochecho Township*. Incorporated Dec. 7, 1762. The town was settled partly by people from Durham whence it derived its name. The Free Baptist denomination had its origin here. New Durham Gore was incorporated as Alton June 16, 1796.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 127, 456, 569; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 701; Index to Laws, 395; papers under titles Kingswood and Coulerain; sketch, Hurd's History of Strafford County, 1882, p. 658; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 53; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 338; Free Baptists in N. H., by Joseph Fullonton, 1, Granite Monthly, 277; Souvenir of the Centennial Yearly Meeting of N. H. Free Baptists Association, 1892, pp. 154; Life of Benj. Randall.]

## [NEW DURHAM INCORPORATED, 1762.]

\*1-253      \*Province of New Hampshire

New Durham      GEORGE the THIRD, by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c—



To all whom these Presents shall come GREETING  
WHEREAS our Loyal Subjects, Inhabiting a Tract of Land within our Province of New Hampshire, by the Name of New Durham have humbly Petitioned & requested us, that they may be Erected & Incorporated, into a Township & enfranchised with the same Powers & Priviledges with other Towns within our said Province, & which they by Law have & Enjoy: And it appearing to us to be Conducive to the General good of our said Province, as well as to the said Inhabitants in Particular by Maintaining good order & Encouraging the Culture of the Land that the same should be done—KNOW YE THEREFORE that we of our Especial Grace certain Knowledge, & for the Encouragem<sup>t</sup> & Promotion of the Good end & Purposes aforesaid, by & with the Advice of our Trusty and well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour, & Commander, in Cheif & of our Council for said Province of New Hampshire, Have Erected & Ordain'd, & by these Presents for us our Heirs & Successors, Do will, and Ordain that our Loving Subjects, residing on the Tract of Land aforesaid, or that shall hereafter reside & improve thereon, the same being Limited & bounded as follows, Beginning at the South

Westerly corner of a Tract of Land Granted unto Eben<sup>r</sup> Verney—W<sup>m</sup> Wentworth, & others upon & at Rochester head Line & from thence Running Westerly by said head Line five Miles & to continue the breadth of five Miles extending from the said head Line so far Northwardly as to make a Tract of Land equal to Six Miles Square, adjoining to the said Tract of Land Granted to the said Eben<sup>r</sup> Verney, W<sup>m</sup> Wentworth, & others, & the Head Line of the said Tract of Land, hereby granted to be a Parralell Line, with the Head Line of Rochester & the said Lines to be parralell with each other, shall be & by these Presents are declared, & ordain'd to be a Town Corporate, & are hereby Erected, & Incorporated into a Body Politic & Corporate to have a Continuance untill his Majesty's Pleasure shall be Signified to the Contrary, by the Name of New Durham with \*all the Powers, Authority's, \*1-254 Priviledges, Immunities, & Franchises which any other Town in said Province, by Law hold & Enjoy always Reserving to us our Heirs & successors All White Pine Trees, that are or shall be found growing & being on the said Tract of Land, fit for the use of our Royal Navy, reserving to us, our Heirs and Successors, the Power & right of dividing said Town when it shall appear necessary & Convenient for the benefit of the Inhabitants thereof—PROVIDED NEVERTHELESS and it is hereby Declared. that this our Charter & Grant is not intended, or shall in any manner be Construed to Extend to, or Effect the Private Property, of the Soil within the Limits aforesaid, & as the several Towns within our said Province of New Hampshire, are by the Laws thereof Enabled, & Authorized, to Assemble, & by the Majority of the Votes Present to choose all such Officers, & Transact such Affairs, as by the said Law, are declared; We do by these Presents nominate & appoint Major Tho<sup>s</sup> Tash, to call the first Meeting any time within Twenty days from the date hereof, giving legal notice of the Time, & Design, of holding such Meeting after which the Annual Meeting of said Town for the choise of such Officers, & management of the Affairs aforesaid shall be held within the same on the first Monday in March—

IN TESTIMONY whereof, We have Caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto Affixed—WITNESS Benning Wentworth Esq. our Governor & Commander in Cheif in & over over our said Province of New Hampshire the seventh Day of December in the Third Year of our Reign, Annoque Domini 1762—

B Wentworth

By his Excellency's Command  
with Advice of Council

T : Atkinson jun Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Province of New Hampshire Decem<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1762

Recorded from the Original under the Province seal

Ⓢ T : Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

## NEW HAMPTON.

[Granted as *Moultonborough Addition* Jan. 24, 1765, to Jonathan Moulton and others, proprietors of Moultonborough. Incorporated as New Hampton Nov. 27, 1777, and named from the town of Hampton. Centre Harbor was set off and incorporated Dec. 7, 1797.]

See papers under title Moultonborough; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 706; Index to Laws, 401; sketch, Hurd's History of Belknap County, 1885, p. 870; Reminiscences of, by F. H. Kelley, 1889, pp. 147; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 252; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 18; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 503; Historical Sketch of the Academical and Theological Institution, by W. E. Wording, 14, American Quarterly Register, 351; Historical Sketch, 1876; The Town of New Hampton and Her Two Celebrated Revolutionary Officers, by G. W. Nesmith, 3, Granite Monthly, 221.]

## NEWINGTON.

[Formerly a part of Dover known as *Bloody Point*. The date of incorporation is doubtful but is given by some authorities as July, 1764. A small portion of the town was annexed to Portsmouth June 29, 1821.]

See papers under title Dover; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 153; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 710; Index to Laws, 404; sketch, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 392; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 100; Church Records, 1716-1731, by C. W. Tuttle, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, vol. 22, p. 23, to vol. 25, p. 284. Report of an Indian Massacre, at Fox Point, Newington, New Hampshire, by Chas. Wesley Tuttle, Historical Papers, edited by Albert H. Hoyt, 1889.]

## NEW IPSWICH.

[Granted by Massachusetts Jan. 15, 1735-6, to John Wainwright, John Choate, and others, inhabitants of Ipswich, Mass. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors April 17, 1750, to Reuben Kidder and others. Incorporated as *Ipswich* Sept. 9, 1762. Incorporated as New Ipswich March 6, 1766.]

See Massachusetts charters preceding, and Masonian Papers in following vol-



umes: IX, Bouton Town Papers, 604; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 730; Index to Laws, 402; Sketches of History, by Charles Walker, 5, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 155; History, by F. Kidder and A. A. Gould, 1852, pp. 488; Historical Discourse, centennial celebration of First Congregational Church, 1860, by Samuel Lee, 1861, pp. 88; sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 610; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 16; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 231, 236.]

[IPSWICH INCORPORATED, 1762.]

\*Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>

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New  
Ipswich



George the Third by the Grace of God of great  
Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the  
Faith &c<sup>a</sup>

To all to whom these Presents Shall come Greet-  
ing

Whereas our Loyal Subjects Inhabitants of a Tract  
of Land within our Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> known by the Name  
of New Ipswich Being on the Branches of Sowhegon River  
between N<sup>o</sup> (1) & Rowley Canada so Called and Containing  
Thirty Square Miles Have Humbly Petitioned & Requested us  
that they may be erected & Incorporated into A Township & In-  
franchized with the Same Priviledges with Other Towns within  
our Said Province by Law have & Enjoy And it appearing unto  
Us to be conducive to the General good of Our Said Province as  
well as of the Said Inhabitants in Perticular by maintaining good  
order and Encourageing the Culture of the Land that the Same  
should be done, Know Ye therefore that we of Special Grace cer-  
tain Knowledge and for the Encouragem<sup>t</sup> & Promoteing the good  
Purposes & Ends aforesaid & with the advise of Our Trusty &  
well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Com-  
'ander in Chieff & of our Council for said Province of New  
Hamp<sup>r</sup> Have erected & ordaind & by these Presents for Us our  
heirs & Successors Do will & ordain that the Inhabitants of the  
Tract of Land aforesaid & others who Shall Inhabit & Improve  
thereon hereafter The Same being butted & bounded as follows  
Viz Begining at A White Pine Tree being the South West Corner  
of the Town of Wilton thence Runing West Six Miles thence Runing  
South to the Province Line five Miles then 6 Miles East upon the  
Province Line then runing North five Miles to the Bounds first  
Mentioned Be & hereby are declared to be A Town Corporate &

Are hereby erected & incorporated into a Body Politick & Corporate to have Continuence until the first Day of Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1766 by the Name of Ipswich with All the Powers & Authority Previlidges Immunities & Franchises which any Other Towns in s<sup>d</sup> Province by Law have & Enjoy to the Said Inhabitants or who Shall hereafter Inhabit there & their Successors for Said Term always reserving to us our heirs & Successors all white Pine Trees that are or Shall be found growing & being on the Said Tract of Land fit for the Use of Our Royal Navy reserving also to us Our Heirs & Successors the Power & Right of Dividing the Said Town when it Shall appear necessary & Convenient for the Inhabitants thereof Provided Nevertheless and tis hereby Declared that this Charter & Grant is not Intended or Shall not in Any Man<sup>r</sup>e be Construed to Extend to or affect the Private Property of the Soil within the Limits afores<sup>d</sup> and as the several Towns within our s<sup>d</sup> Province are by Laws thereof enabled & authorized to Assemble & by the Majority of the Voters Present to Chuse all Such officers \*1-252 & Transact Such Affairs as in the Said \*Laws Are declared We do by thes Present Nominate & Appoint Ruben Kidder Esq to call the first Meeting of Said Inhabitants to be held within the Said Town at Any Time within Forty Days from the Date hereof giving Legal Notice of the Time & Designe of Holding Such Meeting after which the annual Meeting of said Town Shall be held for the Choice of Said officers & the Purposes aforesaid on the Second Monday in March Annually In Testimony whereof We have Caused the Seal of Our Said Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness Benning Wentworth Esq Our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff of Our Said Province the Ninth Day of September in the Second Year of Our Reign Annoq Domini 1762—

B Wentworth

By his Excellencys com<sup>d</sup>  
By Advice of Council

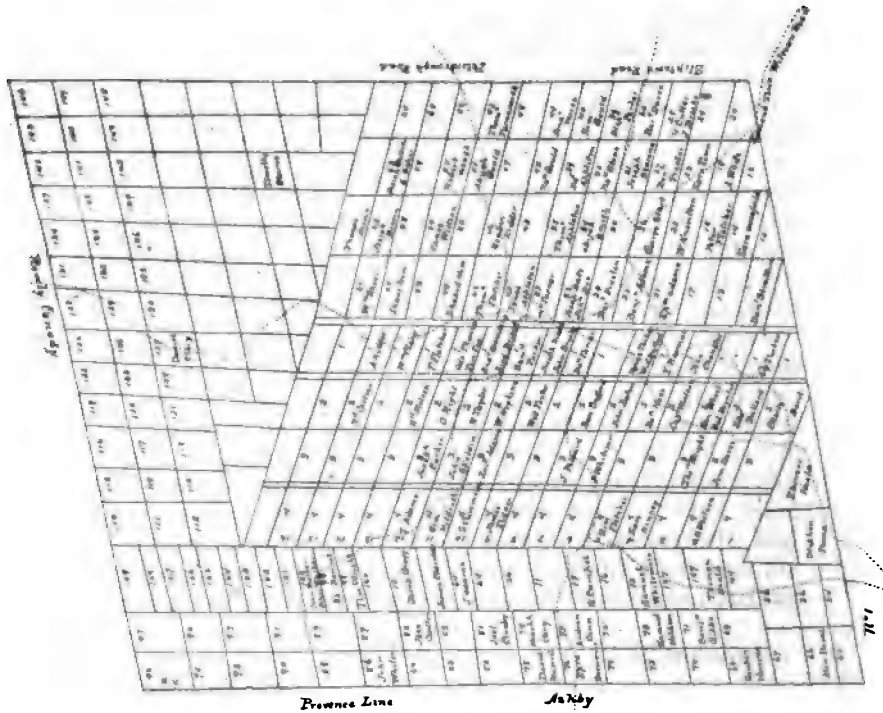
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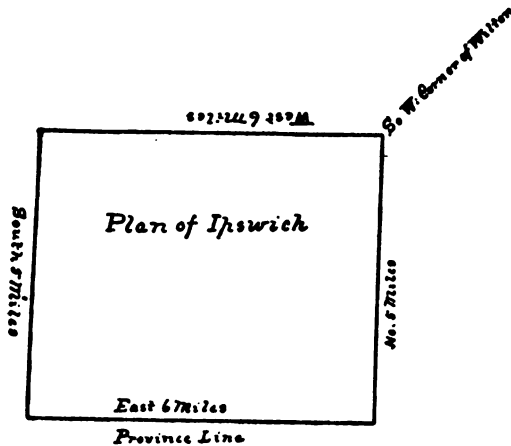
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Ⓜ Theodore Atkinson j Sec<sup>ry</sup>



[Mss. Town Boundaries, p. 144.]





Pro<sup>v</sup> of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Septemb<sup>r</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1762

Recorded with the original on the Back of the Charter

⌘ Theodore Atkinson j<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

[NEW IPSWICH INCORPORATED, 1766.]

\*Prov : of New Hampshire

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GEORGE the Third By the Grace of God of great Britain, France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith—

To all to whom these Presents shall come greeting  
 New Ipswich WHEREAS our loyal Subjects Inhabitants of a Tract of Land within our Province of New Hampshire known by the name of NEW IPSWICH lying on the branches of Souhegan River, between (N<sup>o</sup> 1) & Rowley Canada (so Called) & Containing Thirty square miles, have Humbly Petitioned & Requested us that they may be Erected and Incorporated into a Township & Enfranchized with the same Powers & Priviledges which other Towns within our said Province by Law have & Enjoy & it appearing to us to be Con-

ducive to the General good of our said Province, as well as of the said Inhabitants in particular by maintaining good Order & Encouraging the Culture of the Land, that the same should be done. KNOW YE THEREFORE that We of our Especial Grace Certain Knowledge & for the Encouragement & Promotion of the good Purposes & Ends aforesaid by & with the Advice of our Trusty & Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> Our Governor & Comma<sup>r</sup> in Cheif & of our Council for our said Province have Erected & Ordained & by these Presents for us Our heirs & Successors Do Will & Ordain that the Inhabitants of the Tract of Land aforesaid & others who shall Inhabit & improve thereon hereafter (the same being butted & bounded as follows) Viz<sup>t</sup>. Beginning at a White Pine Tree at the South West Corner of the Town of Wilton thence runing West 6 miles thence runing South to the Province Line 5 Miles, then Six miles East upon the Province line, thence runing North 5 Miles to the bounds first mentioned BE & they are hereby declared & Ordained to be a Town Corporate & Are hereby Erected & incorporated into a Body Politic & Corporate to have Continuence during Our Pleasure by the Name of NEW IPSWICH with all the Powers and Authorities Priviledges & Immunities & Franchizes

\*1-295 which any \*other Towns in this Province by law have & Enjoy to the said Inhabitants & those who shall hereafter Inhabit there & their successors for said Term ALWAYS reserving to us our Heirs & Successors all WHITE PINE Trees which are or shall be found growing & being on the said Tract of Land fit for the use of Our ROYAL NAVY Reserving also unto us our heirs & Successors the Power & Right of dividing said Town when it shall appear Necessary & Convenient to the Inhabitants thereof PROVIDED Nevertheless & it is here by declared that this Charter & Grant is not Intended & shall not in any manner be Construed to Extend to Or Effect the Private Property of the Soil within the Limits afores<sup>d</sup> And as the Several Towns within Our said Province are by Laws thereof, Enabled & Authorized to Assemble & by the Majorities of the Voters present to Chuse all such Officers & Transact such affairs as in the said Laws are declared, WE do by these Presents Nominate & Appoint REUBEN KIDDER Esq<sup>r</sup> to Call the first meeting of the said Inhabitants to be held within the said Town at any time within forty days from the date hereof giving legal Notice of the time & design of holding such meeting after which the Annual meeting of said Town shall be held for the Choice of said

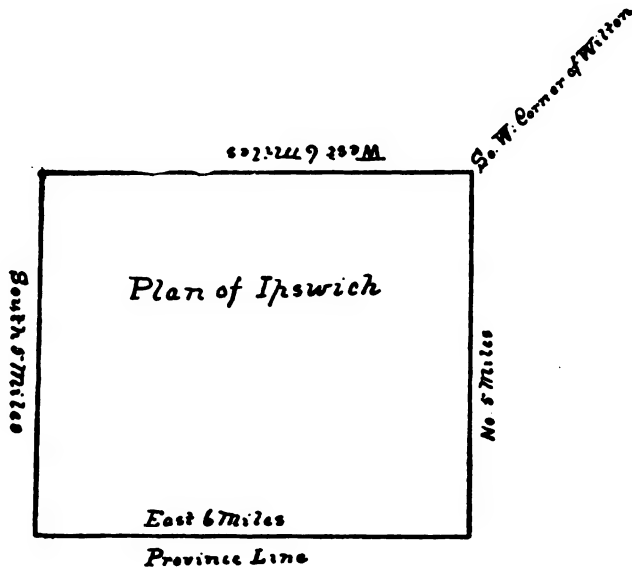
Officers & the Purposes aforesaid on the 2<sup>d</sup> Tuesday in March Annually IN TESTIMONY whereof we have Caused the Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto Affixed. WITNESS BENNING WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our afores<sup>d</sup> GOVERNOR, the Sixth day of March in the SIXTH year of Our Reign Annoque Domini 1766

B Wentworth

By his Excellency's Command  
T : Atkinson j<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

Entered and Recorded according to the Original Incorporation under the Province Seal this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March Annoque Domini 1766

Attest : T : Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>y</sup>



## NEWMARKET.

[Set off from Exeter and incorporated as a parish Dec. 15, 1727. Granted town privileges Aug. 26, 1737. The boundary line was extended Dec. 28, 1805. This act was repealed June 17, 1807. The north line was established June 19, 1818. South Newmarket was set off and incorporated June 27, 1849. A small tract of land was severed from South Newmarket and annexed Dec. 17, 1852. A portion of Durham was annexed July 2, 1870. A small tract of land was set off and annexed to South Newmarket Sept. 14, 1883.]

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 570; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 9; Index to Laws, 404; papers under title Exeter; sketch, by A. L. Mellows, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 395; discourse, semi-centennial of Congregational Church, by I. C. White, 1878, pp. 17; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 100.]

## NEWPORT.

[Granted as *Grenville* Jan. 1, 1753, to Isaac Pennell and others. Granted Oct. 6, 1761, to Nathaniel Fish and others, and incorporated as Newport. Named from Newport, R. I. The charter was renewed Feb. 2, 1769.]

See X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 394, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 46; Index to Laws, 405; History, by Edmund Wheeler, 1879, pp. 600; sketch, by J. W. Parmelee, Hurd's History of Sullivan County, 1886, p. 200; sketch, by J. W. Parmelee, 3, Granite Monthly, 228, 269; address, centennial of Congregational Church, 1879, by A. S. Wait; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 302; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 9, 11, 17; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 456; Great Whirlwind, 1821, 1, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 241.]

## [GRENVILLE CHARTER, 1753.]

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\*Province of New Hampshire

Grenville

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George the Second by the Grace of God of  
Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of  
the faith &c

To All Persons to whom these Presents Shall  
come Greeting

Know Ye that We of our Especial Grace Certain Knowledge &  
mere motion for the Due Encouragement of Settling a New Plan-  
tation within our Said Province By & with the advice of our Trusty



& well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Com-  
 'ander in Chieff of our Said Province of New Hampshire in  
 America and of our Council of the said Province have upon the  
 Conditions & Reservations hereafter made Given & Granted & by  
 these Presents for us our heirs & Successors do give & Grant in  
 Equal Shares unto our Loveing Subjects Inhabitants of our Said  
 Province of New Hampshire & his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Other Governments and  
 to their heirs and assigns for ever whose names Are Entered on  
 this Grant to be Divided to and amongst them into Seventy five  
 Equal Shares All that Tract or Parcel of Land Scituate Lying &  
 being within our Province of New Hampshire Containing by ad-  
 measurement Twenty three thousand & forty Acres which Tract is  
 to Contain Six miles Square & no more out of which an allowance  
 is to be made for high ways & unimproveable Lands by Rocks,  
 Mountains Ponds & Rivers One thousand & forty Acres free Ac-  
 cording to a Plan thereof made & Presented by our said Govern-  
 ours Orders and hereunto annexed Butted & bounded as follows  
 (Viz) Begining at a Stake & Stones at the South East Corner of  
 Buckingham & runs East by the Needle five Miles and an half to  
 A Stake & Stones thence Runing North by the Needle Six Miles &  
 Two hundred & forty Rods to a Stake & Stones thence Running  
 West by the Needle five miles & an half to a Stake thence run-  
 ning South by the Needle Six miles & two hundred & forty rods to  
 the first mentioned bounds And that the same be and is Incor-  
 porated into A Township by the Name of Grenville and that the  
 Inhabitants that do or Shall hereafter Inhabit Said Township Are  
 hereby Declared to be Enfranchized with And Intituled to all &  
 Every the Previledges & Immunities that other Towns within our  
 s<sup>d</sup> Province by Law Exercize & Injoy and further that the Said  
 Town as Soon as there shall be fifty families resdent & settled  
 thereon Shall have the Liberty of holding two fairs one of which  
 Shall be held on the

and the other on the

annually which fairs are not to Continue

& be held Longer that the respective

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lowing the said respective Days and as Soon as the Town  
 Shall Consist of fifty families A Market Shall be Opened & kept  
 one or more Days in each Week as may be tho' most advantagious  
 to the Inhabitants also that the first meeting for the Choice of Town  
 officers Agreeable to the Laws of our Said Province Shall be held  
 on the first Tuesday of March next which Meeting shall be Noti-  
 fied by Thomas Taylor who is hereby Also Appointed the Moder-  
 ator of the Said first Meeting which he is to Notify & Govern

agreeable to the Laws & Customs of our Said Province and that the annual Meeting forever hereafter for the Choice of Such Officers of Said Town Shall be on the Last Wednesday in March Annually To HAVE & TO HOLD the Said Tract of Land as above Expressed together with all the Priviledges & appurtenances to them & their Respective heirs & Assignes forever upon the following Conditions (Viz) That Every Grantee his heirs or Assignes Shall Plant or Cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres Contained in his or thier Share or Proportion of Land in Said Township and Continue to Improve & Settle the Same by Additional Cultivations on Penalty of the forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the Said Township and its reverting to his Majesty his heirs & Successors to be by him or them regranted to such of his Subjects as Shall Effectually Settle & Cultivate the Same That All white And Other Pine Trees within the said Township fit for masting our Royal Navy be Carefully Preserved for that Use and none to be Cut or felld without his Maj<sup>ty</sup>s Especial Lycence for So doing first had & Obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of Such Grantee his heirs or Assigns to us our heirs & Successors as well as being Subject to the Penalty of Any Act or Acts of Parliament that now Are or hereafter Shall be Enacted—That before Any Division of the Said Lands be made to & Amongst the Grantees A Tract of Land as near the Center of the Township as the Land will admit of shall be Reserved & Marked Out for Town Lotts one of which Shall be Allotted to Each Grantee of the Contents of One Acre Yielding & Paying therefor to us our heirs & Sucessors for the Space of Ten Years to be Computed from the Date hereof

\*I-137 the Rent of one \*Ear of Indian Corn only on the first Day of January Annually if Lawfully Demanded the first Payment to be made on the first Day of January 1754— And Every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant Shall Yield & Pay unto us our heirs & Successors Yearly & Every Year from & after the Expiration of the Ten Years from the Date hereof namely on the first Day of Jan<sup>ry</sup> which will be in the Year of Our Lord Christ one Thousand Seven hundred & Sixty Four One Shilling Proclamation money for every hundred acres he So owns Settles or Possesses And So in Proportion for A Greater or Lesser Tract of the Said Land which money Shall be paid by the Respective Persons above Said their heirs or Assigns In our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to Such Officer or Officers as Shall be Appointed to receive the same And this to be in Lieu of All Other Rents & Services what-

soever In Testimony hereof We have Caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto Affixed Wittness Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff of our Said Province the first Day of Jan<sup>ry</sup> in the Year of our Lord Christ 1753 and in the 26 Year of Our Reign—

B Wentworth

By his Excellencys Com'and  
with Advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Se<sup>ry</sup>

Entered & recorded According to the Original under the Province Seal this first Day of Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1753

✠ Theodore Atkinson Se<sup>ry</sup>

The Names of the Grantees of Grenville (Viz)

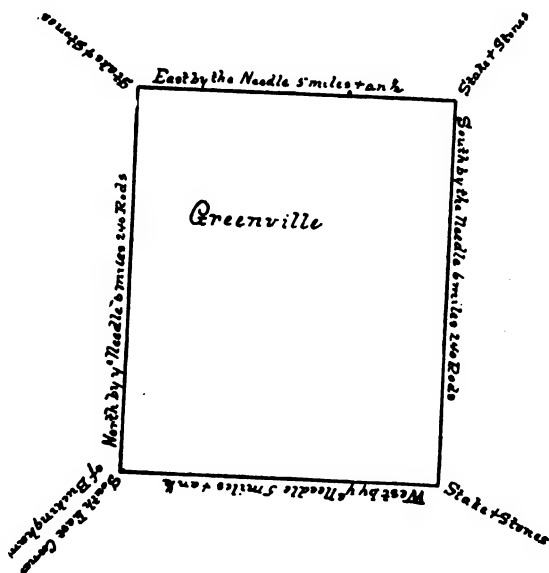
Isaac Pennel,	Robert Fulter,	Samuel Ashley jun <sup>r</sup> ,
John Chapman,	James Edwards,	John Stanley,
Peter Russell,	Joseph Winn,	Elnathan Stanley,
Robert Morrison,	Hugh Morrison,	Hugh Morrison jun <sup>r</sup>
John Clark,	Samuel Hunter,	Andrew Luckes,
John Henry,	Samuel Eaps	Hugh Morrison,
John Pannel,	James Addison,	Thomas Morris,
John Pennel jun <sup>r</sup> ,	Josiah Stewart	John Thompson,
William Otterson,	Moses Pennel,	Robert Pennel,
John Anderson,	Mathew Boulton,	Abraham Pannel,
Thomas Taylor	*William Tems,	George Corse, *1-138
Isaac Foster,	Joseph Denio,	Jeddiah Deeand,
Eli Denio,	Battis Denio,	Seth Denio
George Hauland,	William M <sup>c</sup> Cheeless,	Aaron Denio
Eleazer Wells,	John Cockran,	Oliver Avory,
James Steward jun <sup>r</sup>	Daniel Graves,	Nathaniel Brooks,
James Steward,	Tho <sup>s</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Gee,	John M <sup>c</sup> Creelis,
Samuel Cummins,	James Whitney,	Archibald Pennel,
John Wentworth jun <sup>r</sup>	William Johnson,	Mathew Livermore,
William Symes	Henry Sherburne,	John Digging,
Ellis Huske,	Rich <sup>d</sup> Wibird,	Theodore Atkinson
John Downing,	Sam <sup>l</sup> Solley,	Samuel Smith,
		Sampson Sheaffe

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq A Tract of Land to Contain five hundred Acres which is to be Accounted two of the within mentioned Shares, One whole Share for the Incorporated

Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in forreign Parts, One whole Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel in Said Town One whole Share for A Glebe for the Ministry of the Church of England as by Law Established—George Hodge, John Winslow Joseph Austin

Prov. N Hamps<sup>r</sup> } Entered & recorded from the Back of Greenville the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1753

⌘ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>



Taken from the Plan on the Back of the Original Charter of Greenville

⌘ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

## [NEWPORT CHARTER, 1761.]

\*Province of New-Hampshire.

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Newport

{ P S— }

GEORGE THE THIRD,

By the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France  
Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come,*  
Greeting.

KNOW ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of NEW-HAMPSHIRE in *New-England*, and of our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Sixty Eight equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, Twenty Three Thousand & Forty Acres, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Beginning at a Stake & Stones which Stands South Seventy Eight Degrees East at the Distance of Six Miles & One half Mile from the North Westerly Corner of Charleston a Town formerly Granted in this Province & Runs from the said Stake & Stones North Eight Degrees East Five Miles & Seven Eighths of a Mile to a Stake & Stones then South Sixty Six degrees East Six Miles & one Quarter of a Mile then South Ten Degrees West Six Miles to a Stake & Stones, then North Sixty Three Degrees West Six Miles & One Quarter of a Mile to a Stake & Stones the Bounds first Mention'd being Six Miles & One half Mile from the Bank of Connecticut River—And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a

Township by the Name of Newport And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the

And the other on the

annually, which Fairs are to continue longer than the respective following the said

and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty  
 \*2-222 Families a Market may be \*opened and kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantageous to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the First Tuesday of November next which said Meeting shall be Notified by M<sup>r</sup> George Harris who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or Them Re-granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and

B Wentworth

**Theodore Atkinson Se<sup>ry</sup>**

¶ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

\*The names of the Grantees of Newport (Viz<sup>t</sup>) \*2-223

Jos<sup>h</sup> Eames  
Nath<sup>l</sup> Comstock  
Jesse Burchard  
Enoch Bolls Jun<sup>r</sup>

Isaac Tracy Jun <sup>r</sup>	Daniel Fuller	Elijah Ackly
Nehemiah Andrews	John Nelson	John Church
Sam <sup>l</sup> Church	Will <sup>m</sup> Manwaring	Joseph Fox
Jesse Woodworth	William Fox	Nath <sup>l</sup> Hungeford
Micah Scovel	Guy Richards	Nicholas Hallom
Theo <sup>m</sup> Topham	Ebenezer Cone	Harris Coult
Jeremiah Clement	Joshua Isham	Nath <sup>l</sup> Beckwith Jun <sup>r</sup>
Jonath <sup>n</sup> Harris	Nath <sup>l</sup> Kay	Aaron Cady
Matthew Dorr	Noadin Warner	Moses Yeoman
Tho <sup>s</sup> Hall	Levi Wells	Jos <sup>b</sup> Beckwith
William Cone	Joseph Cone	Joseph Cone Jun <sup>r</sup>
Elipha <sup>t</sup> Lester	Thomas Lester	Nehemiah Gates
Eliphalet Gustin	Tho <sup>s</sup> Cane 2 <sup>d</sup>	Abraham Ackley
Peter Bulkley	Elisha Clark	Josi <sup>a</sup> Beckwith
Levi Crossley	John Olmstead	Ben <sup>a</sup> Alcot
Joseph Newmarch Esq <sup>r</sup>	Dan <sup>l</sup> Warner Esq <sup>r</sup>	Lemuel Hungerford
Moses Yeoman Jun <sup>r</sup> & John Chapman—		

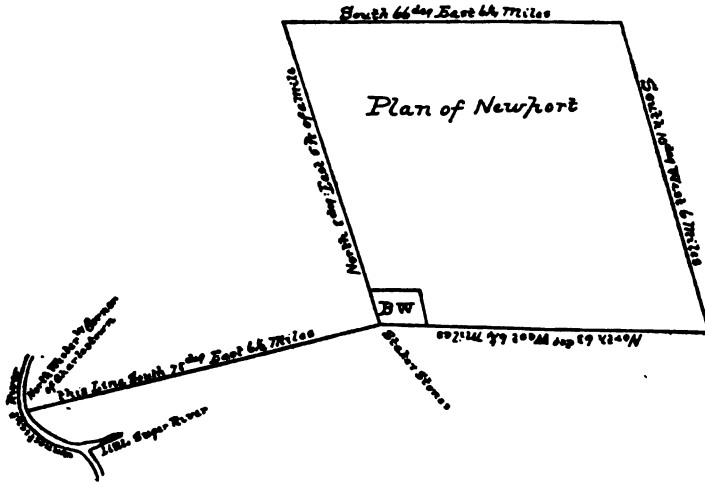
His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq a Tract of Land to Contain Five Hundred Acres as Marked in the Plan B— W— which is be Accounted two of the within Shares, One Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, One share for a Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established—One Share for the First Settled Minister of the Gospel & One Share for the Benefit of a School in said Town—

Province of New Hamps<sup>r</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 6, 1761

Recorded from the back of the Original Charter of Newport under the Province seal

Attested  Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>





Province of New Hamps<sup>r</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 6, 1761

Recorded from the back of the Original Charter of Newport  
under the Province Seal

✂ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

[NEWPORT CHARTER RENEWED, 1769.]

\*Province of New } GEORGE the Third by the Grace \*1-331  
Hampshire } of God of Great Britain France and

Ireland KING Defender of the Faith &<sup>ca</sup>

{ L S. }

WHEREAS we of our special Grace and mere motion for the due encouragement of settling a New Plantation within our Prov<sup>ce</sup> of New Hampshire by our Letters Patent or Charter under the seal of (NEWPORT extended) our said Province Dated the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1761 in the first year of our Reign, a Tract of Land equal to six miles Square bounded as therein expressed (and since survey'd, Admeasured, marked and ascertain'd by our Order to Isaac Rindge Esq<sup>r</sup> our Surveyor General of Lands for said Province) Granted to a number of our Loyal Subjects whose Names are entered on the same to hold to them their Heirs and Assigns on the Conditions therein declar'd, and to be a Town Corporate by

the name of NEWPORT as by reference to the said Charter may more fully appear— And whereas the said Grantees have represented unto us that by Reason of the great Inconveniencies which occur in the settlement of New Townships so remotely situated from any other Townships or settlements that can afford any Assistance, hath rendered it impracticable for the whole Number of Grantees to perform that part of the Conditions that relates to the Cultivation of such a proportion of the said Grant—That there are Fifteen Families now Settled on the Premises; which affords them hopes of a final Settlement without delay. And Humbly Supplicating us not to take advantage of the breach of said Condition, but to lengthen out and grant them some further time for the performance thereof.

NOW KNOW YE that we being willing to promote the end proposed HAVE of our further Grace and favor suspended our Claim of the forfeiture which the said Grantees may have Incurr'd, and by these Presents Do Grant unto the said Grantees their heirs and Assigns the further Term of Four Years from this Date for performing & fullfilling the Conditions, matters and things by them to be done as aforesaid Except the Quit Rents which are to remain due and Payable as express'd and reserved in the Original Grant or Charter.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed WITNESS John Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup>  
our Governor and Commander in Chief this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of  
\*1-331 February\* in the 9<sup>th</sup> Year of our Reign Annoque Domini  
1769—

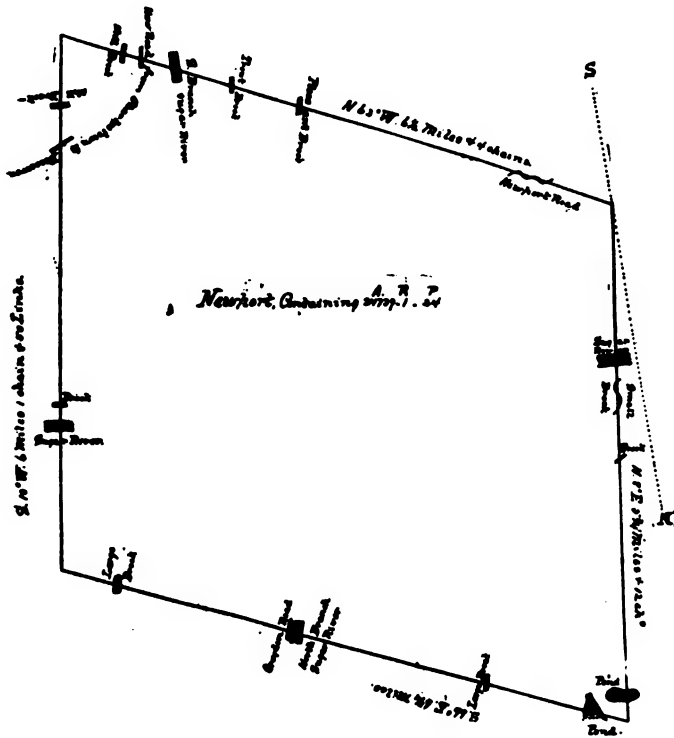
J Wentworth

By his Excellency's Command  
with advice of Council

T: Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

Recorded according to the Original this 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1769

Att Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>



**Protracted by a Scale of one Inch to a Mile.**

**NEWTON.**

[Incorporated as *Newtown* Dec. 6, 1749. An addition was granted March 22, 1749-50. The boundary line between Newton and South Hampton was established Jan. 4, 1772. A portion of East Kingston was annexed July 2, 1845. The name of the town was changed to Newton July 10, 1846.]

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 607; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 53; Index to Laws, 406; sketch, by J. Hoitt, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 403; Early History of the Baptists in N. H., by Joseph Fullonton, 1, Granite Monthly, 156; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 5; discourse, centennial of Baptist Church, 1855, by William Lamson; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 466.]

## [NEWTOWN INCORPORATED, 1749.]

\*I-43 \*Province of New Hampshire

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Newtown

Charter

Vede Page 58 &amp; 59

for Sundry Persons

Polld off from

South Hampton

to New Town

GEORGE the Second by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c—

To all to whom these Presents Shall come

Whereas our Loveing Subjects Inhabitants of a Tract of Land within our Province of New Hampshire afore Said Lying to the Northward of the Divideing line between our Said Province of New Hampshire and our Other Province of the Massachusetts bay and to the Westward of the Town of South Hampton in our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid HAVE Humbly Petitioned & requested of us that they may be Errected & Incorporated into a Township & Infranchized with the Same Powers & Previledges which other Towns within our Said Province by Law have & Enjoy and it Appearing to us to be Conducive to the General Good of our Said Province as well as of the Said Inhabitants in Perticular by maintaining good order & Encouraging the Culture of the Land that the Same Should be Done—

Know ye therefore that We of our Especial Grace Certain knowledge & for the Encouragement & Promoteing the good Purposes & Ends aforesaid by & with the Advice of our Trusty & Well beloved BENNING WENTWORTH Esq our Governour & Commander in Chieff & of our Council for Said Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Have Erected & ordained and by these Presents for us our heirs & Successors Do Will & ordain that the Inhabitants of the Tract of Land aforesaid or that Shall Inhabit or Improve thereon hereafter butted & bounded as follows Viz beginning at the South West Corner of the Town of South Hampton where South Hampton Line Intersects the Curve Line that is the Northern Boundary of our Province of the Massachusetts Bay & bounding on the Said Curve Line & runing on the Same South West nine Degrees West One Mile then South Twenty Eight Degrees West (by Said Curve Line) one mile to Haverhill Line So Called at a Place Called

\*I-44 Brandy Brow then by Haverhill Line afore S<sup>d</sup> \*North West Three Degrees West Two Miles then North East Seven degrees East one hundred & fifty rods to Peasleys Barn So called then North East Three hundred & Six rods to the Long Causey So called in the Country road then North Three Degrees

East one hundred & Seventy rods to A Place called Long cove in Country Pond So called then North East Cross Said Pond to the Pounds Mouth So called then East five degrees South Two hundred & forty rods to the North West Corner bounds of South Hampton afore Said then South Two Miles & Sixty Rods by South Hampton Line to the bounds first above mentioned—And by these Presents are Declared & ordained to be A Town Corporate and Are hereby Erected & Incorporated into a body Politick & Corporation to have Continuance for ever by the name of New Town with all the Powers & Authorities Priviledges Imunities & Infranchizes to them the Said Inhabitants and their Successors for ever Allways reserving to us our heirs & Successors all White Pine Trees growing & being or that Shall hereafter grow & be on the Said Land fit for the use of our Royal Navy reserveing alsoe the Power of Divideing the Said Town to us our heirs & Successors when it Shall Appear Necessary & Convenient for the Benefit of the Inhabitants thereof and as the Several Towns within our Said Province of New Hampshire are by the Laws thereof Enabled & Authorized to Assemble & by the Majority of Votes to Choose all Such officers as Are mentioned in the Said Laws We do by these Presents Nominate & Appoint Captain Joseph Bartlet to call the first meeting of the Said Inhabitants to be held within the Said Town at any time within Thirty Days from the Date hereof giving Legal Notice of the Time Place & Design of Holding Such meeting after which the Annual Meeting in Said Town Shall be held for the choice of officers &c\* for ever on the Last Wednesday in March Annually In Testamony whereof We have caused the Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff of our Said Province the Sixth Day of December in\* the year \*1-45 of our Lord Christ 1749 & in the Twenty third Year of our Reign—

B Wentworth

' By his Excelencys Comand  
with the Advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Entred & recorded According to the Original under the Province Seal this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of December 1749—

Per Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of South Hampton July 7<sup>th</sup> 1848—John Page Esq was Chosen Moderator

At the Same Meeting it was Considered That whereas there was A Number of Persons that lives at the West End of this Town that think they can better Accomodate themselves by Joyning with their Neighbours for a Meeting House than Constantly to Assemble with us and we being Willing to Shew them All Christian Regard and kindness Vote that all those Persons that Lives at the West End of this Town that have A minde to goe off Shall have the Liberty to Poll of themselves & their Estates which they now have & Joyn with their Neighbours in the District for A Parish in all affairs Provided they Poll off or file a list of their names with his Excelency the Governour within Thirty Days from the day of the Date hereof —Voted in the Affirmative

A. True Copy Attest Reuben Dimond Town Clerk

Jonathan Farron	Michale Hoit	Tho <sup>s</sup> Tuexbury
Tho <sup>s</sup> Carter	Benj <sup>s</sup> Carter	Orlando Carter
Benj <sup>s</sup> Kimball	John Carter	Sam <sup>l</sup> Carter
Jacob Coleby	Rogles Coleby	Nathan Coleby
Jon <sup>s</sup> Watson	Roger Eastman	Sam <sup>l</sup> Goodwin
Robert Martin	James George	David Coleby
Zacheus Coleby	Jon <sup>s</sup> Kimball	Aron Currior
Tho <sup>s</sup> Jewell	Philip Challis	Daniel Goodwin
1-46* Tho <sup>s</sup> Greenfield	*Nathaniel Ash	Abraham Merrell
David Goodwin	Zebulon Farren	John Eliot

Province of New Hampshire

These Certify That the List of the Men's Names above mentioned were Entred with his Excelency the Governour and Lodged in the Sec<sup>ry</sup> office the Secon day of August 1748

Attest<sup>r</sup> Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>



## [NEWTOWN ADDITION, 1749.]

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\*Province of New Hampshire

Thirty South  
Hampton men  
Polld to New  
Town

GEORGE the Second by the Grace of God of  
Great Brittain France & Ireland King Defender of  
the faith &c<sup>a</sup>

To All People to whom these Presents Shall

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Come Greeting—

Whereas the Town of South Hampton within Our Province of New Hampshire Afore Said for Diverse good & Laudable Motives and Considerations them thereunto moveing Did Voluntarily at a Town meeting held in Said Town by the Inhabitants thereof On the Seventh Day of July Anno Domini 1748 Pass A Vote in the following words Viz That “all those Persons that Lives at the West End of this Town that “have A mind to go off Shall have the Liberty to Poll off them “Selves & thier Estates Which they now have & Joyn with thier “neighbours in the District for a Parish in all Affairs Provided “they Poll off or file a List of their names with his Excelency the “Governour within thirty Days from the Date hereof—and for as much as Jonathan Farren Michael Hoit, Thomas Tuexbury, Thomas Carter Benj<sup>a</sup> Carter, Orlando Carter, Benj<sup>a</sup> Kimbal, John Carter, Sam<sup>n</sup> Carter, Jacob Coleby, Ruggles Coleby, Nath<sup>n</sup> Coleby, Jon<sup>a</sup> Watson, Roger Eastman, Samuel Goodwin, Robert Martin, James George, David Coleby, Zacheus Coleby, Jonathan Kimbal, Aron Curriour, Thomas Jewell, Phillip Challes, Daniel Goodon, Thomas Greenfield, Nath<sup>n</sup> Ash, Abraham Merrill, David Goodwin, Zebulon Farren, & John Eliot, All Inhabitants in the West End of Said Town of South Hampton Did file a List of thier Names with Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour of our Said Province and the Same was filed in the Secretarys office of our aforesaid Province on the Second Day of August 1748 within the thirty Days in the above recited Vote of the afore Said Town of South Hampton mentioned and Agreeable to the Intent & Ten’er thereof—Now Know Ye that for & in Consideration of the above mentioned Vote and at the request of the Several Parties therein Concernd We have tho<sup>t</sup> fit by & with the Advice of our Trusty & well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & of Our Council of Our Said Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> To Order & ordain that the afore Said Jonathan Farren, Michael Hoit, Tho<sup>a</sup> Tuexbury, Thomas Carter, Benj<sup>a</sup> Carter, Orlando Carter, Benj<sup>a</sup> Kim-



bal, John Carter, Samuel Carter, Jacob Coleby, Ruggles Colby, Nath<sup>l</sup> Colby, Jon<sup>a</sup> Watson, Roger Eastman, Samuel Goodwin, Robert Martin, James George, David Coleby, Zacheus Coleby, Jonathan Kimbal, Aron Curriour, Thomas Jewel, Philip Challis, Daniel Goodwin, Thomas Greenfield, Nathaniel Ash, Abraham Merrell, David Goodwin, Zebulon Farren, & John Eliot, With thier & Each of their Estates \*they now have in Said \*1-59 Town of South Hampton Be & hereby Are Ordred Declared & Ordained to be Polld & Sett off from Acting or Voteing with the Town of South Hampton aforesaid in Any of thier Town Affairs, Excepting what does or may relate to the repairing or mending the High ways within the Limits of the Said Town of South Hampton aforesaid with respect to which affairs they are to Act & be Governd as tho' no vote or Oder had Passd thereon And Are hereby (together with the Estates they now have in South Hampton as also all Persons that Shall Succeed them or any or Either of them in the Improveing of Said Estates) Declared to be Polld off & Annexed to New Town within our Province aforesaid there to Vote & Act with Said New Town in all thier Town affairs as fully to all Intents & Purposes as Any other the Inhabitants of Said Town can or may do Excepting what Does or may relate to the Mending or repairing the Highways within the Limits of New Town which they & Each of them Are hereby Exempt from they haveing the Liberty of Voteing with and Are Subject to the Legal Directions of the Town of South Hampton aforesaid of All which All Persons Concerned are to take Due notice & Govern themselves Accordingly—

In Testimony whereof We have Caused the Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto Affixed Wittness Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff of our Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> the 22<sup>d</sup> Day of March in the year of our Lord Christ 1749 & in the Twenty third year of Our Reign—

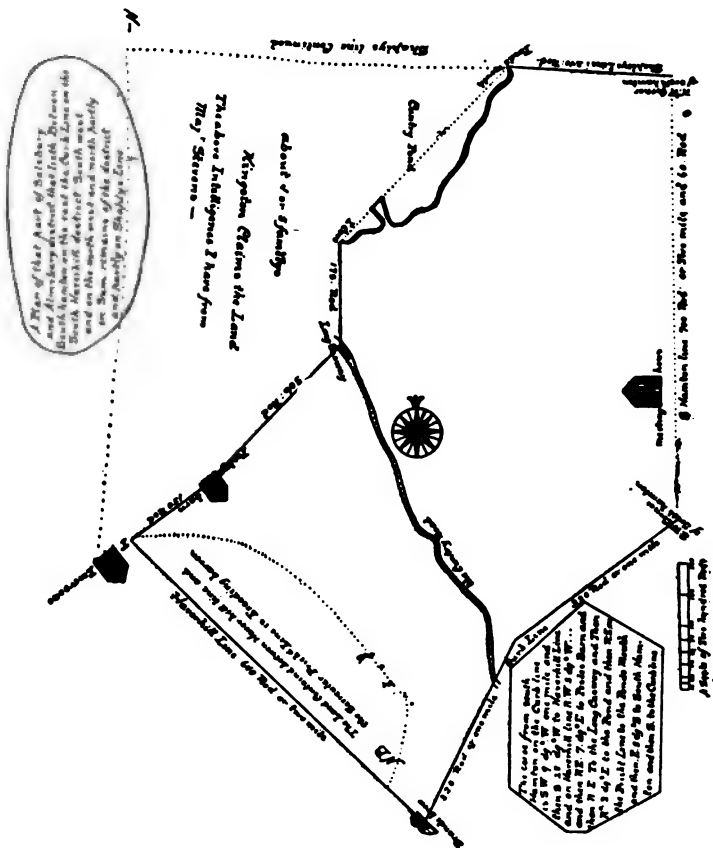
B Wentworth—

By his Excelencys Com'and  
with the Advice of Council  
Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Entred & recorded Acording to the Original under the Province Seal this 23<sup>d</sup> Day of March 1749—

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Se<sup>ry</sup>

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 148.]



[PETITION FROM SELECTMEN OF NEWTOWN, 1771.]

[Farmer's Mss. Town Papers, Vol. 6, p. 237.]

Province of New } To his Excellency John Wentworth Esq:  
Hampshire } Captain General, Governor, & Commander  
in chief in & over his Majesty's Province of New Hampshire; &  
the Honourable his Majesty's Council; & House of Representa-  
tives, in general Assembly convened.

We the subscribers, being the Selectmen of Newtown, & acting on behalf of said Town, do hereby signify that we can by no means consent that a Committee be sent to run a line between us & South Hampton, laid under the restrictions which South Hampton hath, in their Petition propos'd. For, whenever there is a line established between us & them we hope to be strengthened by it, & think it highly reasonable that we should.

There is a number of Families between Poe River & our meeting house, (now of South-Hampton) whom we apprehend should of right belong to us.

We exceedingly need them (being much weakened by a large separation); while South-Hampton, we suppose, can well enough spare them, their Ministerial charges being quite low compared with ours.

They were originally of us, & would have been so now if a Minister had been settled here at the time there was one there; or, had there been at that time only a good prospect of the Settlement of one.

They desire to belong to us, & for this have earnestly Petition'd—They owe their religious Priveledges, of a publick nature to us—They are more convenient to our Meeting House than to their own; the far greater part in regard to length of way, & all, a great deal, in regard to the goodness of it.

Therefore, we imagine tis fitting that we should have such a line as will annex these People to Newtown.

And we not only think so ourselves, but a Committee formerly sent by the general Court, to judge of this matter, thought so too, observing that nature had marked out a line between said towns, & made report that Poe River should be it.

And it seems that South-Hampton are at least suspicious, that any honest impartial Committee, would be of the same Mind, or else (considering the mighty inconveniences, of which they complain in their Petition, on account of there not being a line) they

would consent to submit this matter to the judgment of an unbiased Committee of the Courts appointing, without laying it under any restrictions at all; which is a proposal that we have often made them; and what we would now be glad to do—

And, therefore, we take this opportunity to humbly request that the Honourable Court would send a Committee upon the business above Mention'd, free from all confinement, excepting that of reason & Conscience—And your humble Petitioners will, as they are in duty bound, ever pray &c

Newtown Janu<sup>ry</sup> 1. 1771.

William Rowell	} Select men for Newtown
Aaron Currier	
Moses Carleton	

### NORTHFIELD.

[Set off from Canterbury and incorporated as a parish June 19, 1780. A portion of the town was combined with other territory to form the town of Franklin Dec. 24, 1828, but the same territory was reannexed to Northfield July 3, 1830, and again restored to Franklin June 26, 1858. Two farms were severed and annexed to Franklin June 27, 1861.

See papers under title Canterbury; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 70; Index to Laws, 408; sketch, by L. Hunt, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 517; centennial address, by Lucian Hunt, 4, Granite Monthly, 16; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 401.]

### NORTH HAMPTON.

[Set off from Hampton as *North Hill Parish* Nov. 17, 1738. Incorporated as North Hampton Nov. 30, 1742. The line between this town and Rye was established Dec. 17, 1792.

See papers under title Hampton; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 76; Index to Laws, 407; sketch, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 407; Life of Henry Dearborn, by H. A. S. Dearborn; discourse, 1821, 20th anniversary of author's settlement in ministry, by Jonathan French, 1822, pp. 11; Reminiscences of 50 Years Pastorate, 1851, by same, 1852, pp. 46; sketch, by same, 14, Mass. Historical Society Collections, 189; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 106; 150th Anniversary of Formation of North Hill Parish, by T. V. Haines, 1889.]

## NORTHUMBERLAND.

[Granted as *Stonington* Oct. 20, 1761, to John Hogg and others. Regranted Jan. 25, 1771, to Daniel Warner and others, and incorporated as Northumberland Nov. 16, 1779. Parts of Stark were annexed July 13, 1855, and June 26, 1863.]

See XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 88; Index to Laws, 408, 524; sketch, by E. F. Bucknam, Fergusson's History of Coös County, 1888, p. 539; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 21; Northern New Hampshire, by G. F. Bacon, 1890, p. 67.]

## [STONINGTON CHARTER, 1761.]

\*Province of New-Hampshire.

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Stonington

GEORGE THE THIRD,



By the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.*

KNOW ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our Said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of NEW-HAMPSHIRE in *New-England* and of our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, about Twenty four thousand *Acres*, which Tract is to contain Something more than Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and

bounded as follows, *Viz.* Begining at A Maple Tree which Stands on the Easterly Side of Connecticut River and is about Thirty Miles on A Straight Line from Ammonusek Rivers Mouth and from thence Notherly up Connecticut River as that runs about Nine Miles on a A Strait Line to an Elm marked Standing on the Southerly Side of the Mouth of A Small Brook runing into Connecticut River & carrying that Breadth Back between Two East Lines so farr as that A Parrellel Line to the Strait Line from the Maple afore Said to the Elm afore Said will make the Contents of Six Miles Square And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Stonington And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the

And the other on the annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said

and that as soon as the said Town shall \*2-286 consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be \*opened and kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the fourth Tuesday of October Current which said Meeting shall be Notified by M<sup>r</sup> John Hogg who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Priviledges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, *viz.*

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or Them Re-granted to

such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*. 1762

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the above-said twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1772 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the Twentieth Day of October In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty one And in the First Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,  
With Advice of COUNCIL,  
Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Octob<sup>r</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1761  
Recorded According to the Original Charter under the Province  
Seal

☞ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

\*2-287 \*The Names of the Grantees of Stonington Viz—

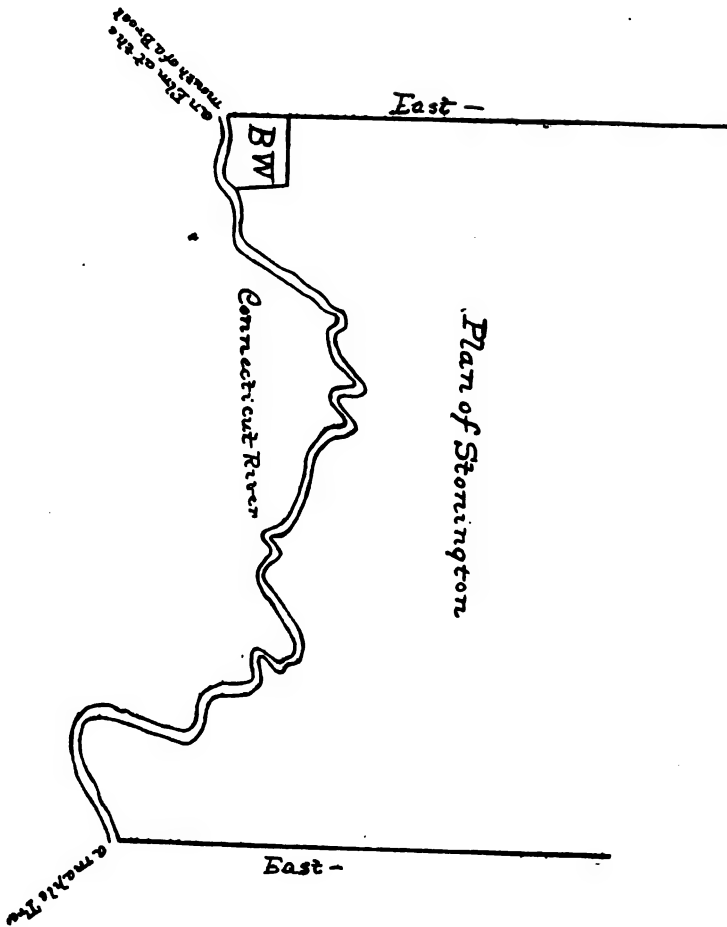
John Hogg	Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Noyse	Henry Trew
Daniel Fowle	George Hadley	Asa Foster
Samuel Evens	Peter Morse	Stephen Emerson
John Johnson	John Ingalls	Stephen Knight
John Muzzy	Moses Morse	Benj <sup>a</sup> Emerson
Edmund Morse	Daniel Johnson	Samuel Messer
Jesse Johnson	John Bartlett	Joseph Pillsbury
Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Gile	John Atwood	Mathew Patten
Peter Eastman	John Mills	Robert Macmurphy
Samuel Palmer	John Mudget	John Webster
Benj <sup>a</sup> Hale	Reuben Mills	John Muzzey Jun <sup>r</sup>
Reuben Herriman	John Hale	Abiah Muzzey
Jacob Kent	Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Mudget	Abiah Webster
Joseph White	Caleb Johnson	Joseph Webster
William Moulton	Joshua Howard	John Hogg jun <sup>r</sup>
Stephen Herriman	Benj <sup>a</sup> Kimball	John Fowle
Maxey Haseltine	Jeremiah Johnson	John Noble
Jacob Sawyer	William Page	Rich <sup>d</sup> Champney
William Marshall	Abraham Dow	Rich <sup>d</sup> Wibird Esq
Abraham Burnam	Obediah Eastman	Daniel Warner Esq
Plumer Hadley	Jon <sup>a</sup> Kimball	Samuel Heath
	Simeon Goodwin	

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq a Tract to Contain  
Five Hundred Acres as Marked B: W: in the Plan which is to be  
accounted Two of the within Shares one whole Share for the  
incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign  
Parts one Share for A Glebe for the Church of England as by  
Law Established One Share for the first Settled Minister of the  
Gospel & one Share for the Benefit of A School in Said Town—

Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> October 20—1761  
Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter of Stonington  
under the Province Seal—

☞ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>





Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Octob<sup>r</sup> 20 1761  
 Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter of Stonington  
 under the Province Seal

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

## [NORTHUMBERLAND CHARTER, 1771.]

\*4-55 \*Province of New } GEORGE the THIRD by the grace  
                   Hampshire } of God of Great Britain France and  
 (NORTHUMBERLAND.) Ireland KING Defender of the Faith &c.

KNOW ye that we of our special grace certain knowledge and mere motion for the due encouragement of settling a new plantation within our said Province by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our Governor and Commander in Chief in and over our said Province of New Hampshire in New England, and of our Council of the said Province HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made given and granted and by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors do give and grant unto our loving Subjects Inhabitants of our said Province of New Hampshire and our other Dominions who have Petitioned us for the same, setting forth their readiness to make immediate Settlement and to their heirs and Assigns for Ever, whose Names are enter'd on this Grant to be divided to and amongst them into SEVENTY TWO Equal Shares all that Tract or parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of New Hampshire called and known by the name of STONINGTON being about Six miles Square & containing by admeasurement Twenty three Thousand & Forty three Acres, out of which an allowance is to be made for Highways and unimproveable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains & Rivers One thousand and Forty Acres free according to a Plan & Survey thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province by our said Governor's Order and returned into the Secretary's Office of our said Province, a Copy whereof is hereunto annex'd butted and bounded as follows VIDELICET Beginning at an Ash tree standing on the Easterly side of Connecticut River being the North Westerly Corner Bounds of Lancaster from thence running up said River as that tends to an Elm Tree standing on the Southerly side of the Mouth of a small brook that runs into said River, being Nine miles on a strait line from the said Ash Tree, from thence South Fifty five degrees East Four Miles sixty Eight Chains and Seventy five Links to a Spruce Tree, from thence South Seven degrees West Nine Miles to a Spruce Tree, from thence North Fifty five Degrees West Four miles Sixty Eight chains and Seventy five Links to the Ash Tree began at. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as

above express'd together with all the Priviledges & Appurtenances to them the said Grantees & to their respective heirs and Assigns for Ever by the Name of NORTHUMBERLAND, upon the following Conditions—VIDELICET

\*First That the Grantees at their own Cost shall cut, \*4-56 clear bridge and make passable for Carriages of all kinds a Road of Eight Rods wide through the said Tract hereby granted, and this to be completed within Two years from the date of this Grant, in failure of which the Premises and every part thereof shall be forfeited & revert to us our heirs and Successors to be by us or them reenter'd upon and regranted to any of our Loving Subjects.——

SECOND That the said Grantees shall settle or cause to be settled TWELVE Families by the Twentieth day of March 1772, who shall be actually cultivating some part of the Land and resident thereon, to continue making further and additional Improvement, cultivation and Settlement of the Premises so that there shall be actually Settled and resident thereon SIXTY Families by the First day of March 1776 on penalty of the forfeiture of any and every delinquents Share and of such Share or Shares reverting to us our heirs and Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon and regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle & cultivate the same.——

THIRD That all White and other Pine Trees within the said Township fit for masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use, & that none be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained upon the penalty of the forfeiture of the right of such Grantee his Heirs and Assigns to us our heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliam<sup>t</sup> that now are or hereafter shall be Enacted.

FOURTH That before any division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees a Tract of Land as near the centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of shall be reserved & marked out for Town Lots, One of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

FIFTH Yielding and paying therefor to us our heirs and Successors on or before the First day of January 1772 the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded.

SIXTH That every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant shall yield and pay unto us our heirs and Successors yearly and every year for Ever from and after the expiration of one year from the afore-

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed WITNESS our aforesaid Governor & Commander in Chief the Twenty fifth day of January in the Eleventh year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1771.—

### The names of the Grantees of Northumberland.

Daniel Warner Esq <sup>r</sup>	Daniel Rindge Rogers	Benjamin Currier
John Penhallow	Thomas Martin	William Marshall
Thomas Burnside Esq <sup>r</sup>	Leveret Hubbard	Caleb Marshall
James Burnside	Samuel Lear	Edmund Morse
Samuel Burnside	William Stanwood	Jeremiah Eames
Daniel Spaldwin	Isaac Williams	Benjamin Kimball
William Moulton	William Brewster	John Canadey
Benjamin Sawyer	Peter Porter	Reuben Harriman
George Gains	Mark Rogers	Caleb Johnson
Daniel Fowle	David Brewster	John Webster Esq <sup>r</sup>
Edward Ayers	Cap <sup>t</sup> John Parker	Joseph Webster
Joseph Peverly	Daniel Davis	Enoch Moulton
John Noble	John Redin	Joseph Moulton { of Newb <sup>y</sup> Port in Mass <sup>a</sup> . }
Jacob Treadwell	William Simpson	Caleb Tappen
Joseph Shillabar	Richard Mills	Edmund Moulton
Joseph Shillabar J <sup>r</sup>	Jacob Sheaffe	Joseph Moulton { of Newb <sup>y</sup> Port in Mass <sup>a</sup> . }
Mark Seavy	Jun <sup>r</sup> Matthew Stanl <sup>y</sup>	Jun <sup>r</sup> Parker Jesse Johnson
Nehemiah Wheeler	Clement	March of Portsm <sup>o</sup> James Jewett
Daniel Lunt	Nathaniel Treadwell	Jun <sup>r</sup> James Pearce
Jacob Tilton	Moses Bartlett	James Flanders

Jonathan Shillabar	Ebenezer Noyce	Phineas Sargent
Nathaniel Treadwell	Samuel White Esq <sup>r</sup>	Jonathan Duston
Ammi Ruham <sup>b</sup>	Cutter Peter Morse	James Paul

One Right for the benefit of a School in said Town. One Right for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. One Right for the first settled Minister in said Town.

Province of New Hampshire March 4<sup>th</sup> 1771—

Recorded according to the Original Charter of Northumberland under the Province Seal.

Att<sup>r</sup> Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>—

\*Province of New Hampshire, Portsm<sup>o</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> January 1771— \*4-58

These Certify that this plan of STONINGTON Beginning at an Ash Tree on the Easterly side of Connecticut River being the North westerly corner Bounds of Lancaster, from thence running up said River as that Tends to an Elm Tree standing on the South-erly side of the Mouth of a small Brook that runs into Connecticut River aforesaid being nine miles on a strait line from the said Ash Tree, from thence South Fifty five degrees East Four miles sixty Eight chains and seventy five Links to a Spruce Tree, from thence South seven degrees West nine miles to a spruce Tree, from thence North Fifty five degrees West four miles, sixty eight chains and seventy five Links to the Ash Tree first mention'd, being the Bounds begun at. Contains Twenty three Thousand & Fifty three Acres & sixteen Rods of Land & is a True Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Tract or Township as taken & returned to me by M<sup>r</sup> Dudley Coleman D<sup>r</sup> Surv<sup>r</sup>

Attest : Isaac Rindge Surv<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>

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## NORTHWOOD.

[Originally known as *North-woods*. Set off from Nottingham as a parish Feb. 6, 1773.

See papers under title Nottingham; XII, Hammond Town Papers, 93; Index to Laws, 408; sketch, by E. C. Cogswell, Hurú's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 425; History of Nottingham, Deerfield, and Northwood, by E. C. Cogswell, 1878, pp. 790; Recollections in the History of, 3, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 67; Historical Summary, by A. E. Cotton, 6, Granite Monthly, 120; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 7, 9, 20; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 113; Sketches of, by A-n B-e, 1830.]

## NOTTINGHAM.

[Incorporated May 10, 1722. The inhabitants desired to have the town named New Boston. Deerfield was set off and incorporated Jan. 8, 1766, and Northwood Feb. 6, 1773.]

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 630; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 99; Index to Laws, 409; sketch, by E. C. Cogswell, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 433; History of Nottingham, Deerfield and Northwood, by E. C. Cogswell, 1878, pp. 790; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 7; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 114; Men of Old Nottingham at Bunker Hill, by J. Scales, 2, *Granite Monthly*, 204.]

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[NOTTINGHAM CHARTER, 1722.]

[Farmer's Mss. Town Papers, Vol. 5, p. 168.]

George by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland  
King Defender of the Faith &c

To all People to whom these p'sents Shall come Greeting,

Know ye, That We of our Special Knowledge and meer  
motion for the Due encouragement of Settling a new Plantation  
by and with the advice & Consent of our Council have Given  
and Granted and by these p'sents as far as in us Lies do Give and  
Grant in Equall Shares unto Sundry of our Beloved Subjects  
whose Names are Entred in a Schedule here unto Annexed That  
Inhabit or Shall Inhabit within the Said Grant within our Province  
of New Hampshire all That Tract of Land within the Following  
Bounds viz<sup>t</sup> To begin at Dover Westerly Corner Bounds Running  
along Exeter Northerly line West and by North two miles then  
along Exeter Head Line South west half a point more Southerly  
one mile and Three Quarters and from thence upon a West North  
West point of the Compas Ten miles into the Countrey, Then to  
Begin Again at the afores<sup>d</sup> Dover Westerly Corner Bounds and  
Run North East half a point more Easterly Four miles and a  
quarter along along Dover Head line Then upon a North West  
point half a Point more Northerly Thirteen miles into the Countrey  
And from that Bounds upon a Straight line to the End of the afore-  
said Ten Mile line, And That the Same be a Town Corporate by  
the Name of Nothingham To the persons afores<sup>d</sup> for ever, To have  
and to hold the Said Land to the Said Grantees and their Heirs &  
assigns forever and to Such Associates as they Shall admit upon  
the Following Conditions—

1<sup>st</sup> That every proprietor build a Dwelling House within Three Years & Settle a family therein and breack up three Acres of Ground and plant & Sow the Same within four years and pay his proportion of the Town Charge when & So often as Occasion Shall Require the Same

2<sup>ly</sup> That a meeting House be built for the Publick Worship of God within the Said Term of four years

3<sup>ly</sup> That upon Default of Any perticular proprietor in Complying with the Conditions of this Charter upon his part, Such Delinquent proprietor shall forfeit his Share to the other proprietors which Shall be Disposed of According to the Major Vote of the said Commonney at a Legall Meeting.

4<sup>ly</sup> That a Proprietors Share be Reserved for a Parsonage, another for the first Minister of The Gospel, Another for the Benefit of a School

Provided nevertheless that the Peace with the Indians Continue during the afores<sup>d</sup> Term of Three Years, But if it Should So hapen that a warr with the Indians Should Comence before the Expiration of the afores<sup>d</sup> Term of Three years, The said Term of Three years Shall be Allowed to the Proprietors after the Expiration of the warr for the Performance of the afores<sup>d</sup> Conditions—Rendring & paying therefor to us our hiers & Successors or Such other officer or Officers as Shall be Appointed to Receive the Same the Annual Quit Rent or Acknowledgement of one Ear of Indian Corn in the Said Town on the Twentieth day of December yearly forever Resarving also unto our Heirs & Successors all mast Trees growing on the said Tract of Land (according to the acts of Parliament in y<sup>e</sup> case made & provided) And for the better Order Rule & Government of the said Town we do by these p'sents for our selves our Heirs & Successors Grant unto the Said Men & Inhabitants or those that Shall Inhabit the s<sup>d</sup> Town That Yearly & Every year upon the Last Tuesday in the month of March for ever, Shall Meet to Elect & chuse by the Major part of them, Constables Select Men and other Town officers According to the Laws & usuage of our afores<sup>d</sup> Province for the year ensuing, with Power & Priviledges & authorities as other Towns and Town officers within our afores<sup>d</sup> Province have & enjoy In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto annexed Wittness Samuel Shute Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governour and Command<sup>r</sup> in Cheif of our said Province at our Town of Portsmouth the Tenth Day of May in the Eighth Year of our Reign Annoqe Domini 1722  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Shute

By his Excellency's Command  
w<sup>th</sup> advice of the Council.  
Rich<sup>d</sup> Waldron Cler Con

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## ORANGE.

[Granted as *Cardigan* February 6, 1769, to Isaac Fellows and others. Incorporated as Orange June 18, 1790. The inhabitants petitioned to have the town incorporated as "Bradford" in 1779; as "Middleton" in 1783; as "Liscomb" in 1789. "Liscomb" was crossed out and Orange inserted in the last petition. A portion of Orange was annexed to Hebron, and a portion of Hebron to Orange December 13, 1804. The line between the two towns was established December 2, 1808. A portion of Orange was annexed to Alexandria December 7, 1820.

See X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 277, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 112; Index to Laws, 81, 413; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 555; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; Lawrence's New Hampshire Churches, 1856, p. 581; A Trip to Cardigan,—Elisha Paine, by Walter Harriman, 4, *Granite Monthly*, 10; Mt. Cardigan, by H. Murdock, 2, *Appalachia*, 239.]

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### [CARDIGAN CHARTER, 1769.]

\*4-5 \*Province of New } GEORGE the Third by the Grace of  
Hampshire— } God of Great Britain France & Ire-  
(Cardigan) } land King Defender of the Faith &c\*

KNOW YE that we of our special Grace certain knowledge & mere motion for the due encouragement of settling a New Plantation within our said Province by and with the Advice of our Trusty and well-belov'd JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor and Commander in Cheif of our said Province of New Hampshire in New England and of our Council of the said Province HAVE upon the Conditions and reservations herein after made given and granted and by these PRESENTS for us our heirs and successors Do Give and grant in equal Shares unto our Loyal Subjects Inhabitants of our said Prov<sup>ce</sup> of New Hampshire and our other Governments who hath Petition'd us for the same, setting forth their Readiness to make immediate Settlement and to their Heirs & Assigns for ever whose Names are enter'd on this Grant to be divided to and amongst them into ONE HUNDRED & TWO equal Shares all that



tract or parcel of Land known by the Name of Cardigan situate, lying and being within our Province of New Hampshire containing by Admeasurement Twenty four Thousand Acres which is to contain something more than six miles square, out of which an Allowance is to be made for Highways and unimproveable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, mountains & Rivers One thousand and Forty Acres free according to a Plan and Survey thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General by our Said Governor's Order and returned into the secretarys Office and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, Viz<sup>t</sup>—Beginning at the southeasterly corner of Cockerm<sup>o</sup> and runing N<sup>o</sup> 64° West Six miles and one Quarter of a mile, then turning off and runing South 41° West six miles by Canaan, then turning off again and runing South 65° East six miles & three quarters of a mile on Grafton Line to a spruce tree mark'd, from thence runing North 32° East 5 miles and three Quarters of a mile by Plymouth to the bounds began at— TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above express'd together with all Priviledges and Appurtenances to them & their respective heirs and Assigns for ever, by the name of CARDIGAN \*upon the following Conditions v<sup>t</sup> (First) That \*4-6 the said Grantees shall settle or cause to be Settled TWELVE Families who shall be actually cultivating some part of the Land, and resident thereon on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1770 and to continue making further and additional Improvement, cultivation and Settlement of the Premises, so that there shall be actually settled and resident thereon Sixty Families by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1774 on Penalty of the forfeiture of such Delinquent's Share, and of such Share's reverting to us our heirs and successors to be by us or them enter'd upon and regranted to such of our subjects as shall effectually Settle and Cultivate the same. (Second) That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township fit for masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserv'd for that use, and none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had and obtain'd upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the right of such Grantee his Heirs and Assigns to us our heirs and Successors as well as being Subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are or hereafter shall be Enacted. (Third) That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees a tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots one of which shall be

allotted to each Grantee of the contents of one Acre—(Fourth) Yielding and paying therefor to us our heirs and successors on or before the first day of March 1770 the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded—(Fifth) That every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant shall yield and pay unto us our heirs and successors yearly and every year for ever from and after the expiration of one year from the abovesaid 1<sup>st</sup> day of March namely on the first day of March which will be in the year of our Lord 1771 One Shilling Procl<sup>a</sup> money for every hundred Acres he so owns Settles or Possesses and so in proportion for a Greater or lesser tract of the said Land which money shall \*4-7 be paid by the Respective Persons abovesaid \* their Heirs or Assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsm<sup>o</sup> or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same, (6<sup>th</sup>) and that a good Waggon Road not less than two Rods wide be laid out and Cut thro' the Town by or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1770 on penalty of the forfeiture of the Premises—and these to be in lieu of all other Rents and services whatsoever.—

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed WITNESS John Wentworth Esq: our Governor and Commander in Cheif of our said Province the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord Christ 1769 and in the 9<sup>th</sup> year of our Reign.

J<sup>r</sup> Wentworth

By his Excellency's Command }  
with advice of Council } { L s. }  
T. Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Province of New Hampshire 7<sup>th</sup> Feb'y 1769—

Recorded according to the Original under the Province Seal.

Att<sup>r</sup> Geo: King D. Sec<sup>r</sup>

Names of the Grantees of the Township of Cardigan—Viz:

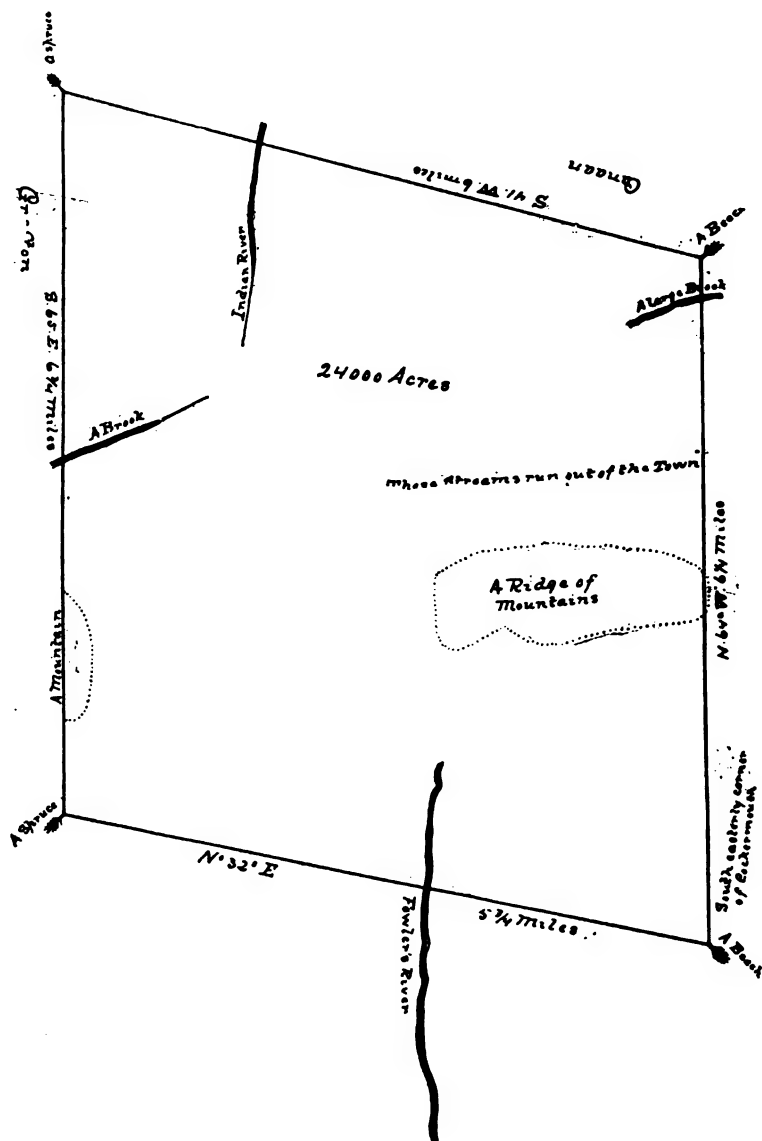
Isaac Fellows	Elisha Paine Esq:	Varney Fellows
John Larrabe	Andrew Backus	Jacob Fellows
Hon: Eliph <sup>t</sup> Dyar	Esq: Joseph Shepherd	Jun <sup>r</sup> Samuel Payne
Samuel Gray Esq <sup>r</sup>	Daniel Clark	C <sup>pt</sup> Dan Paine
Jn <sup>o</sup> Wendell Esq <sup>r</sup>	Ephraim Jones	Amos Paine
Rozel Morgan	Benj <sup>a</sup> Spaulding	Jn <sup>o</sup> Bartholomew
Isaac Morgan	James Brown	Thomas Baker
Rozel Stevens	James Bradford	Ebenezer Child
W <sup>m</sup> Robinson	Nathan Waldo	Sam <sup>l</sup> Chandler Jun <sup>r</sup>

Joseph Eaton	Daniel Foster	Ebenezer Craft
W <sup>m</sup> Farnham	Jabez Aynsworth	Daniel Paine Jun <sup>r</sup>
Ezekiel Pierce	Zachariah Waldo	Ebenezer Paine
John Pierce	Elkinah Cobb Jun <sup>r</sup>	Sam <sup>l</sup> Chandler Esq :
Elisha Perkins	Simon Fobes	Silas Bowen
Perry Clark	David Payne	Geo : Hodges
Jesse Spaulding	Rich <sup>d</sup> Smith	Eben <sup>r</sup> Gray
John Douglass	Aaron Cleveland	Tho <sup>s</sup> Gray
Tho <sup>s</sup> Stevens	Samuel Adams 3 <sup>d</sup>	Jn <sup>o</sup> Green
Nehem <sup>h</sup> Stevens	Ebenezer Brown	Tho <sup>s</sup> Sumner
Rob <sup>t</sup> Washburn	Theophilus Clark	Geo : Wentworth
Jerem <sup>h</sup> Cady	W <sup>m</sup> Ferriman	David Shepherd
Joshua Dunlap	Elkinah Cobb	Nathaniel Pierce
Ephraim Spaulding	Rev <sup>d</sup> Abiel Leonard	W <sup>m</sup> Darby
Joseph Spaulding	Rev <sup>d</sup> Jn <sup>o</sup> Fuller	Curtis Spaulding
Edw <sup>d</sup> Ayres	Rev <sup>d</sup> Alexander Miller	Andrew Spaulding
Zadock Spaulding		
Joseph Spaulding Jun <sup>r</sup>	Rev <sup>d</sup> Samuel Drowne	John Cady
*Ichabod Olmsby	Samuel Adams Jun <sup>r</sup>	Hezekiah Spaulding *4-8
Benjamin Cary	John Williams	James M <sup>c</sup> Hard Esq <sup>r</sup> Haverhill
Oliver Spaulding	Timothy Larrabe	Arthur Moley
Eph : Spaulding Jun <sup>r</sup>	Nath : Rogers Esq <sup>r</sup>	Boston Hon : Dan <sup>l</sup> Rindge
Joseph Shepherd	W <sup>m</sup> Bourn Esq <sup>r</sup>	M <sup>r</sup> Head Theo : Atkinson
Isaac Coit	Benj <sup>a</sup> Whiting Esq <sup>r</sup>	N <sup>o</sup> 4. Theo : Atkinson Jun <sup>r</sup>
Benj <sup>a</sup> Hurd	Rich <sup>d</sup> Saltonstall Esq.	Haverhill Vere Royse
Daniel Warner Esq <sup>r</sup>		


Glebe lot for the church of England.

Enter'd and Recorded from the Original Charter of Cardigan  
this 7<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> 1769

Geo : King D Sec<sup>r</sup>



Province of New Hamps<sup>r</sup> Portsmouth 1<sup>st</sup> of Feb<sup>r</sup> 1769.

These Certify that this Plan of CARDIGAN, containing 24000 Ac<sup>s</sup> of Land is a True Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Township as taken & returned to me by M<sup>r</sup> Jotham Cumings D<sup>y</sup> S<sup>r</sup>  
Attest:  Is: Rindge.

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ORFORD.

[Granted Sept. 25, 1761, to Jonathan Moulton, Jr., and others. The charter was renewed Feb. 8, 1772. A small tract of land was severed from Orford, and annexed to Wentworth June 28, 1837.

See X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 277, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 126; Index to Laws, 414; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 558; History of the Coös Country, by Grant Powers, 1841, p. 127; Centennial Celebration, 1865; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 565, 569.]

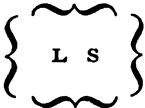
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[ORFORD CHARTER, 1761.]

\*Province of New-Hampshire.

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Orford



GEORGE THE THIRD,

By the Grace of GOD, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come,*  
Greeting.

KNOW ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of NEW-HAMPSHIRE in *New-England*, and of our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be

divided to and amongst them into Seventy equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, Twenty three thousand Six hundred & Sixty *Acres*, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Beginning at a Tree standing near the Bank of Connecticut River marked with the Figures 6 & 7 and is the North Westerly Corner of Lime a Town Lately Granted within this Province from thence South Sixty Three degrees East Six Miles to the North Easterly Corner of Lime afore Said then North forty five degrees East Six Miles then North fifty Eight degrees West Six Miles & one Quarter of A Mile to a Tree Standing on the Bank of Connecticut River afores<sup>d</sup> marked with the figures 7 & 8 thence down the Said River as that runs to the Bound first Mentioned And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Orford And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the

And the other on the \_\_\_\_\_ annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective

\_\_\_\_\_ following the said \_\_\_\_\_ and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, \*2-210 a Market may be \* opened and kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantageous to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the Fifth Day of October next which said Meeting shall be Notified by Jonathan Moulton Esq who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as

above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or Them Re-granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*. 1762

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1772 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Pro-

vince to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the 25 Day of September In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty One And in the First Year of Our Reign. B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,  
With Advice of COUNCIL,  
Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Province of New Hamp<sup>t</sup> September 25<sup>th</sup> 1761

Recorded According to the original Charter under the Province Seal  
Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

\*2-211 \*The Names of the Grantees of Orford—(Viz)

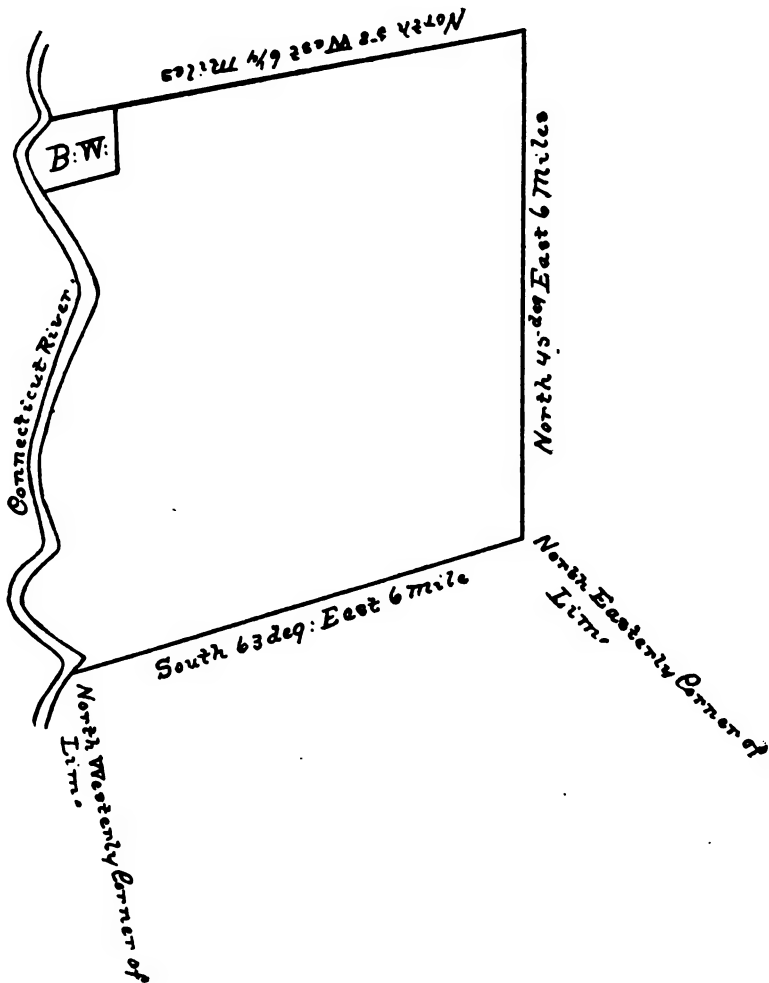
Jonathan Moulton jun <sup>r</sup>	Will <sup>m</sup> Smith	Thomas Rand
Jeremiah Marston	Josiah Moulton jun <sup>r</sup>	John Weeks jun <sup>r</sup>
Ephraim Marston	Joshua Lane jun <sup>r</sup>	Nath <sup>l</sup> Showers
Benj <sup>a</sup> Staniford Randell	Jonah <sup>a</sup> Sanbrune jn <sup>r</sup>	Jon <sup>a</sup> Moulton 4 <sup>th</sup>
Jonathan Leavit	John Moulton 3 <sup>d</sup>	Joshua Towle
Philip Towle	Nathan Moulton jun <sup>r</sup>	Theodore Atkinson jun <sup>r</sup>
Samuel Garland	William Lane	Clem <sup>t</sup> March
William Marston	Walter Neal	George March
Josiah Dearborn	John Nellson	Wyseman Claggitt Esq
Thomas Nudd	Edmond Mason	Theodore Atkinson Esq
John Moulton	Sam <sup>l</sup> Perkins	M <sup>k</sup> Hunk <sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq
Jacob Brown	Josiah Lane	John Wason
Simon Marston	John Moulton jun <sup>r</sup>	William Wallace
Worthington Moulton	Ward Cotton	Thornton Wason
Joseph Palmer	Cotton Ward	Benning Wentworth
Jon <sup>a</sup> Towle	Jonathan Marston jun <sup>r</sup>	Sam <sup>l</sup> Wentworth Esq
James Brown	Christop <sup>r</sup> Toppan	of Boston
Joseph Philbrick	Samuel Blake	Byfield Loyd Esq
Samuel Dow	Benj <sup>a</sup> Batchelder	Nich <sup>o</sup> White Esq and
Edward Moulton	Jon <sup>a</sup> Philbrick	Meshech Wear Esq
Jeremiah Dow	Ab <sup>m</sup> Perkins Towle	
Jeremiah Sanburne	Josiah Moulton 3 <sup>d</sup>	

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq A Tract of Land to Contain five hundred Acres as Marked B: W: in the Plan which is to be Accounted two of the within Shares one whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts one Share for A Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established one Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel & one Share for the Benefit of a School in s<sup>d</sup> Town—



Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> September the 25<sup>th</sup> 1761  
 Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter of Orford  
 under the Province Seal

⌘ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>



Province of New Hamp<sup>t</sup>- Septemb<sup>r</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1761

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✠ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

[ORFORD CHARTER RENEWED, 1772.]

\*I-413 \*Province of New } GEORGE the THIRD by the Grace of  
Hampshire } God of Great Britain France and Ire-

{ L. S. }

land KING Defender of the Faith &c  
To ALL to whom these Presents shall come  
GREETING—

WHEREAS We of our special Grace certain  
(Orford extended) Knowledge & mere Motion for the due en-  
couragement of settling a New Plantation  
within our said Province of New Hampshire by our Letters Patent  
or Charter under the Seal of our said Province, Dated the 25<sup>th</sup>  
Day of Sept<sup>r</sup> 1761, in the first year of our Reign, Did grant a  
Tract of Land of about Six Miles Square, bounded as therein  
expressed to a number of our loyal Subjects whose Names are  
enter'd on the same, to Hold to them their Heirs and Assigns on  
the Conditions therein declared to be a Town Corporate by the  
Name of ORFORD as by reference to the said Charter may more  
fully appear And Whereas the said Grantees have prefer'd a peti-  
tion to our Governor of our said Province in COUNCIL specifying  
sundry Difficulties, which prevented their full compliance with the  
Terms of the Grant aforesaid, and that the said Town is in great  
forwardness of being completely settled, And therefore Praying  
that no advantage may be taken if the breach of said Conditions,  
but that some further time may be allowed them to fulfill the same:  
All which being duly Consider'd.

KNOW YE that we being willing to encourage & promote the  
Cultivation & Settlement of the said Tract, Have of our further  
Grace and favour suspended our claim of the forfeiture which the  
said Grantees may have Incurred, and by these Presents for us our  
Heirs & successors, (by and with the advice of our Trusty and  
wellbeloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our Governor & Com-  
mander in Chief of our said Province & of our Council of the  
same) do grant unto the said Grantees, their Heirs & Assigns the

further Term of Three Years from the Date hereof for performing and fulfilling the Conditions Matters & Things by them to be done as aforesaid; Except the Quit Rents which are to remain due and payable as expressed & reserved in the Original Grant or Charter.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness our Governor and Commander in Chief aforesaid the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February in the 12<sup>th</sup> Year of our Reign, Annoque Domini' 1772.

J<sup>r</sup> Wentworth.

\*By his Excellency's Command  
with advice of Council

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Theodore Atkinson Secretary.

Province of New Hampshire. 8<sup>th</sup> February 1772.

Recorded according to the Original Grant under the Prov. Seal.

[GRANT TO WILLIAM SIMPSON, 1772.]

\*Province of New Hampshire.

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GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland KING Defender of the Faith &c\*

{ L. S. }

To ALL to whom these presents shall Come,

GREETING.

KNOW YE that we of our special Grace certain knowledge and mere Motion for the due encouragement of settling and cultivating our Lands within our Province aforesaid by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our Governor & Commander in Chief of our said Province of New Hampshire and of our COUNCIL of the same, HAVE (upon the Conditions & Reservations herein particularly recited & expressed) given and granted & by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give and grant unto our Leige and loving Subject WILLIAM SIMPSON of Orford in our said Province Esq<sup>r</sup>—and to his Heirs and Assigns for Ever a certain Tract or Parcel of Land containing by Admeasurement FIVE HUNDRED Acres, situate, lying and being in our said Province, as by a Plan or Survey thereof (exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province

by our said Governor's Order, & returned into the Secretary's office of our said Province, a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed) may more fully and at large appear. Butted & Bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at a hemlock Tree standing on the bank of Connecticut River & is the Northwesterly Corner bound of Orford, from thence running by Orford and Piermont South Sixty Two Degrees East Three Hundred & forty Rods to a hemlock Tree, from thence running South Twenty Eight Degrees West Two Hundred & Twenty Rods to a Beech Tree, from thence running North Sixty Two Degrees West Four Hundred & Five Rods to a hemlock Tree standing on the bank of Connecticut River aforesaid, from thence up said River to the Bounds first mentioned. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed to him the said William Simpson and to his Heirs & Assigns for Ever upon the following Terms Conditions & Reservations Viz<sup>t</sup>

FIRST That the said Grantee shall cut clear bridge & make passable for Carriages &c, a Road of Four Rods wide thro' the said Tract as shall be at any Time hereafter directed or ordered by the Governor & Council aforesaid, which Road shall be completed in One Year from the date of such Order or Direction of the Governor & Council aforesaid on penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant and of its reverting to us our Heirs and Successors.

SECOND That the said Grantee shall settle or cause to  
 \*I-425 be Settled Two \* Families in Two Years from the Date of this Grant, in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon and regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually Settle & cultivate the same.

THIRDLY That all white and other Pine Trees fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use & none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had & obtained on penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee in the Premises his Heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.

FOURTHLY Yielding and paying therefor to us our Heirs and Successors on or before the 25<sup>th</sup> day of December 1772, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded.

FIFTHLY That the said Grantee his Heirs and Assigns shall yield and pay unto us our Heirs and Successors yearly and every year for ever from & after the expiration of One year from the date of this Grant ONE SHILLING Proclamation Money for every Hun-

dred Acres he so owns, Settles or possesses and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Land aforesaid; which Money shall be paid by the respective Proprietor owner or Settler in our Council chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or officers as shall be appointed to receive the same And these to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.—

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our aforesaid Governer & Commander in Chief the Twenty third day of April in the Twelfth year of our Reign. Annoque Domini 1772—

J<sup>r</sup> Wentworth.

By his Excellency's Command }  
with advice of Council— }  
Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

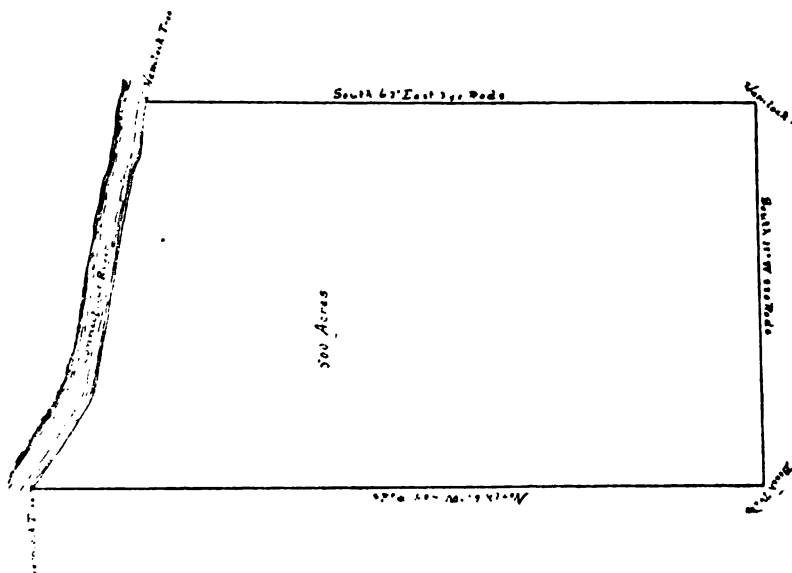
Recorded according to the Original Grant under the Province Seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 1772.

Attest<sup>r</sup> Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Province of New Hampshire. Portsm<sup>o</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> April 1772.

These Certify that this Plan beginning at a hemlock Tree standing on the bank of Connecticut River & is the Northwesterly Corner bound of Orford, from thence running by said Orford and Piermont S. 62° E. 340 Rods, to a hemlock Tree, from thence running S. 28° W. 220 Rods to a Beech Tree, from thence running N. 62° W. 405 Rods to a Hemlock \*Tree standing \*1-426 on the Bank of Connecticut River aforesaid, from thence up said River to the Bound first mentioned Contains Five hundred Acres of Land and is a true Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Tract as taken & returned to me by M<sup>r</sup> Jotham Cummings Dep<sup>y</sup> Surveyor.

Att<sup>r</sup> Is. Rindge S<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>



## [SIMPSON'S FERRY, 1775.]

\*4-237      \*Province of } GEORGE the third by the grace of  
                  New Hampshire } GOD of Great Britain France & Ireland  
    KING Defender of the Faith &c<sup>a</sup>

TO ALL PEOPLE to whom these presents shall  
 come greeting

KNOW YE that We by & with the advice of Our  
 trusty and wellbeloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire  
 Our Governor and Commander in chief in and  
 FERRY over Our said Province of New Hampshire in

New England have given and granted and by these Pres-  
 ents for Us Our Heirs and Successors do give and grant unto Our  
 loyal & faithful Subject William Simpson of Plymouth in our  
 County of Grafton and Province aforesaid Esquire the sole right  
 of keeping a Ferry and of keeping using and employing a Ferry  
 boat or Boats for the transporting of Men Horses Goods Cattle

Carriages &c across Connecticut River in the Town of  
 \*4-238 Orford in the County afores<sup>d</sup> \*begining at the Landing  
 place in said Orford & extending on the River two Miles  
 above and two Miles below the same as the said Connecticut

River runs to hold the said Ferry & Privelege of a Ferry with all Ferriage advantages emoluments perquisites and profits thereunto belonging to him the said William Simpson his Heirs Exec<sup>n</sup> Admin<sup>n</sup> and Assigns from the day of the date hereof—to his & their only proper use benefit & behoof forever upon the following Conditions viz<sup>t</sup> That he and they shall at all times keep such Boat or Boats and give such attendance at any Place or Places within the Extent above granted as the Governor or Commander in chief for the time being shall order with advice of Council and behave as the now (or any hereafter) Laws do or may require on Penalty of forfeiting this Grant and of its reverting to Us Our Heirs and Successors—

And as a further encouragement to the said William Simpson in & about the Premises We will that none of Our loving Subjects do presume to molest or interrupt the said William Simpson in his said Ferry or set up any other Ferry upon or across the said River Connecticut within two Miles above & two Miles below the aforesaid Landing place at Orford as the River runs

IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness Our aforesaid Governor and Commander in cheif the third day of March in the fifteenth Year of Our reign Annoque Domini 1775—

J Wentworth

By his Excellency's command  
with advice of Council

Geo : King Dep<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

Recorded according to the original Charter under the Province Seal this 3<sup>d</sup> day of March 1775

Attest<sup>r</sup> Geo : King D : Sec<sup>y</sup>

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PELHAM.

[Constituted from parts of Old Dunstable and Dracut, Mass., and incorporated July 5, 1746. Named in honor of Thomas Pelham Holles, Duke of Newcastle. The charter was confirmed by the Masonian Proprietors April 27, 1774. The town was divided into two parishes Jan. 4, 1787, but the act was repealed in 1792. The town was taken from Rockingham County and annexed to Hillsborough Dec. 10, 1824. A gore of land between Pelham and Windham was annexed to Pelham June 29, 1830.

See Massachusetts charters preceding, and Masonian Papers in following volumes ; papers under title Dunstable ; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 652 ; XIII, Ham-

mond Town Papers, 142; Index to Laws, 424; sketch, by A. Berry, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 631; Instances of Longevity, 1799-1824, by Dr. Church, 2, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 36; Life of William M. Richardson, 1839; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 237.]

[PELHAM INCORPORATED 1746.]

\*1-33 Province } George the Second by the Grace of God  
of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> } of Great Brittain ffrance & Ireland King  
Defender of the faith &c<sup>a</sup>

{ P:Seal } To all to whom these Presents Shall Come Greet-  
ing—  
Whereas Sundry of our Loyal Subjects Inhabitants  
of a Tract of Land within the Antient Boundarys of  
the Town of Old Dunstable & Dracut in our Province  
Pelham of New Hampshire two Miles & Eighty Rods East of  
Charter Merrimack River hereinafter Discribed have humbly Petitioned &  
requested of us that they may be Errected & Incorporated into a  
Township And Infranchized with the Same Powers Authorities  
& Previlidges which other Towns within our S<sup>d</sup> Province by Law  
have & Enjoy—And it Appearing unto us to be Conducive to the  
General Good of our S<sup>d</sup> Province as well as of the S<sup>d</sup> Inhabitants  
in Perticular by Maintaining good order and Encouraging the  
Culture of the Lands that the Same Should be Done—

Know ye therefore that we of our Especial Grace Certain  
knowledge and for the Encourageing & Promoteing the good  
Purposes and Ends Afores<sup>d</sup> by & with the Advice of our Trusty  
& well beloved BENNING WENTWORTH Esq our Governour &  
Com'ander in Chieff and of our Council for S<sup>d</sup> Province have  
Errected Incorporated & ordained and by these Presents for us  
our heirs & Successors do will & ordain that the Inhabitants of  
the Tract of Land afores<sup>d</sup> (Bounded as follows Viz) Begining at  
the Boundary Pitch Pine Tree made by M<sup>r</sup> Mitchell and runing  
on the North Boundary Line of the Massachusets untill it comes  
within two Miles & Eighty Rods of Merrimack River Then North  
Twenty Degrees East to Londonderry then by London Derry  
East South East five Miles & one hundred & forty rods then South  
to Methuen Line and to Meet the Curve Line called Mitchells  
Line then by S<sup>d</sup> Curved Line to the Pitch Pine Tree where it  
began and that Shall Inhabit the Same be & by These Presents



\*Are Declared & ordained to be A Town Corporate And \*1-34  
Are hereby Errected & Incorporated into a Body Polli-  
tick and A Corporation to have Continuance for ever by the name  
of Pelham with all the Powers & Authorities Previlidges Im'unities  
and franchizes Which other Towns within our S<sup>d</sup> Province or  
any of them by Law have & Enjoy—

To HAVE & TO HOLD the S<sup>d</sup> Powers Authorities Im'unities And  
Franchizes to them the S<sup>d</sup> Inhabitants and their Successors for  
ever Allways reserving to us our heirs & Successors all white  
Pine Trees growing and being and That Shall hereafter grow & be  
on the S<sup>d</sup> Tract of Land for the use of Our Royal Navy reserving  
alsoe the Power of Divideing the S<sup>d</sup> Town to us our heirs &  
Successors when it Shall Appear Necessary or Convenient for  
the Inhabitants thereof, And as the Several Towns within our S<sup>d</sup>  
Province are by y<sup>e</sup> Laws thereof Enabled & Authorized to Assem-  
ble & by the Majority of Votes to chuse all Such officers as are  
mentioned in the S<sup>d</sup> Laws We do by these Presents Nominate &  
Appoint Zacheus Lowell Gentleman—to Call the first Meeting of  
the S<sup>d</sup> Inhabitants to be held within the S<sup>d</sup> Town at Any Time  
within Thirty days from the Date hereof Giveing Legal Notice of  
the Time Place & Designe of Holding Such Meeting In Testimony  
whereof We have Caused the Seal of our S<sup>d</sup> Province to be here-  
unto affixed Wittness Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour &  
Com'ander in Chieff of Our S<sup>d</sup> Province the fifth Day of July in  
the year of our Lord Christ one thousand Seven hundred & forty  
Six and in the Twentieth year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By his Excelencys Com'and  
with Advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Entred & recorded According to the Original the 16<sup>th</sup> Day of  
September 1746—

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

## PEMBROKE.

[Granted by Massachusetts Aug. 6, 1728, to Capt. John Lovewell's men, and known as *Suncook* and *Lovewell's-town*. Incorporated as the parish of Pembroke, Nov. 1, 1759, and named probably in honor of the Earl of Pembroke. The town was divided into two parishes Dec. 17, 1763. The boundary line was extended to the bank of Suncook River Dec. 24, 1798, to settle a dispute between Pembroke and Allenstown. All that part of Bow on the east side of Merrimack River was annexed to Pembroke and Concord, Dec. 13, 1804.

See Massachusetts charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 657; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 153; Index to Laws, 424; sketch, by J. N. McClintock, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 560; History, in preparation; Brief History of First Congregational Church, by Isaac Willey, 1876, pp. 48; discourse, fortieth anniversary of ministry, by Rev. Abraham Burnham, 1848, pp. 20; Pembroke Academy, XI, Granite Monthly, 397; Proceedings of sixtieth anniversary of Pembroke Academy, in catalogue of 1879.]

## [DIX'S FERRY, 1774.]

\*4-200      \*Province of } GEORGE the third by the grace of  
New Hampshire } God of Great Britain France & Ireland  
KING Defender of the Faith &c



Dix's Ferry

TO ALL PEOPLE to whom these Presents shall come greeting

KNOW YE that we of our special Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion by & with the advice of our trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire Our Governor and Commander in chief in and over our said Province of New Hampshire in New England have given and granted and by these Presents for Us our Heirs and Successors do give and grant unto our loyal and faithful Subject Jonathan Dix of Pembroke in our County of Rockingham and Province aforesaid Esq the sole right of keeping a Ferry and of keeping using and employing a Ferry boat or Boats for the transporting of Men Horses Goods Cattle Carriages &c across Merrimac River between the Towns of Pembroke and Bow to extend one half Mile above and one Mile & one half Mile below the Mouth of Suncook river to be measured on Merimac River as said Merimac River runs to hold the said Ferry & Privilege of a Ferry with

\*4-201 all ferriage advantages emoluments \*perquisites & profits thereunto belonging to him the said Jonathan Dix his

Heirs Exec<sup>ts</sup> Admin<sup>rs</sup> & Assigns from the day of the date hereof to his and their only proper use benefit and behoof forever upon the following conditions viz<sup>t</sup> That he and they shall at all times keep a Boat or Boats at the Place where the Road comes to the River within this Patent or at any other Place that may hereafter be ordered by our Governor or Commander in chief of our Province aforesaid with advice of Council and give such attendance and behave as the now or any hereafter Laws do or may require on penalty of forfeiting this Grant and of its reverting to us our Heirs & Successors

And as a further encouragement to the said Jonathan Dix in and about the Premises We will that none of our loving Subjects do presume to molest or interrupt the said Jonathan Dix in his said Ferry or set up any other Ferry upon or across the said River Merimac within one half Mile above and one Mile and one half Mile below the Mouth of Suncook River as the said Merimac River runs—

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness our aforesaid Governor and Commander in chief the twenty ninth day of March in the fourteenth Year of our reign Annoque Domini 1774

J Wentworth

By his Excellencys command  
with advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Recorded according to the original Charter under the Province Seal this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 1774

Attest<sup>r</sup> Geo : King D Sec<sup>y</sup>

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### PETERBOROUGH.

[Formerly known as *Souhegan*. Granted by Massachusetts, Jan. 16, 1737–8, to Samuel Hayward and others. Incorporated as Peterborough Jan. 17, 1760, and named probably in honor of the Earl of Peterborough. The charter was renewed Jan. 8, 1762. A small portion of the southeast corner was annexed to Temple Jan. 29, 1789. A part of this town was included in the limits of Greenfield incorporated June 15, 1791. An act was passed July 5, 1867, by which Sharon was to be annexed to Peterborough whenever a majority of voters in both towns should adopt the provisions of the act, but this has not yet been done.

See Massachusetts charters preceding and Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 665; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 174; In-

dex to Laws, 427; Ecclesiastical History, I, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 55; Topographical and Historical Account, by Elijah Dunbar, *id.*, p. 129; Centennial Address by John H. Morrison, 1839, pp. 99; Centennial, New Hampshire Book, 1841, p. 122; History, by Albert Smith, 1876, pp. 375; sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 650; Proceedings at Sesqui-Centennial Celebration, 1889, pub. 1890, pp. 131; numerous historical articles and documents in the files of the *Peterborough Transcript*; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 17; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 240; Life of Jeremiah Smith, by John H. Morrison, 1845; Town Library of Peterborough, by J. F. Brennan, 1893, pp. 28; Petition for Defence, 1750, 6, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 367; Recollections of, by J. Wilson, Jr., New Hampshire Book, 1844, p. 109.]

[PETERBOROUGH INCORPORATED, 1760.]

\*I-218      \*Province } GEORGE THE SECOND By the Grace  
of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> } of GOD of Great Brittain France &  
Ireland KING Defender of the Faith  
&c



TO ALL To whom these Presents shall come  
GREETING

Petersborough WHEREAS our loyal Subjects Inhabitants of a Tract of Land within our Province of New Hampshire known by the Name of Peterborough have humbly Petitioned & Requested us that they may be Erected & Incorporated into a Township & Infranchised with the same Powers & Privileges which other Towns within our said Province by Law have & Enjoy, and it Appearing to us to be Conducive to the General Good of our said Province as well as to the said Inhabitants in particular by Maintaining good order & Encouraging the Coulture of the Land that the same should be done

KNOW YE THEREFORE that We of our Special Grace Certain Knowledge & for the Encouragem<sup>t</sup> & Promoting the good Ends & Purposes aforesaid by & with the advice of our Trusty & well beloved BENNING WENTWORTH Esq our Governour & Commander in Chief & of our Council for said Province of New Hampshire HAVE Erected & Ordained & by these Present for us our Heirs & Successors Do will & ordain that the Inhabitants of The Tract of Land aforesaid or that shall Inhabit or Improve thereon the same being Limmited & Bounded as follows begining at a Burch Tree Marked standing at the South East Corner of the

Premises thence Running West Six miles by the North Line of a Tract of Land called Peterborough 'Slip to a Beach Tree marked thence North by the East Line of Two tracts of Land called the Middle & North Menadnack Six miles to a Red oak Tree marked from thence East Six Miles by Land Claimed by Mark Hunk<sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq & by Land Claimed by the Heirs of Joseph Blanchard Esq Deceased to a Hemlock Tree Marked & from thence South \*Six miles to the Tree first mentioned shall \*I-219 be & by these Presents are Declared & ordained to be a Town Corporate & are hereby Erected & Incorporated into a Body Politic & Corporate to have a Continuance two Years only by the Name of Peterborough with all the Powers & Authorities Priviledges Immunities & Franchises which any other Town in said Province by Law Hold & Enjoy allways Reserving to us our Heirs & Successors all white Pine Trees that are or shall be found growing & being on said Tract of Land fit for the use of our Royal Navy Reserv<sup>s</sup> to us our Heirs & Successors the Power & Right of Dividing said Town when it shall Appear Necessary & Convenient for the Benefit of the Inhabitants thereof Provided Nevertheless & it is hereby Declared that this Our Charter & Grant is not Intended or shall in any manner be Construed to Extend to or Effect the Private Property of the Soil within the Limits aforesaid And as the several Towns within our said Province of New Hampshire are by the Laws thereof Enabled & Authorized to Assemble & by the Majority of the Voters Present to Choose all Such Officers & Transact such affairs as by the said Laws are Declared. We do by these Presents Nominate & Appoint M<sup>r</sup> Hugh Willson to call the First Meeting of said Inhabitants to be held within the said Town at any time within Sixty Days from the Date hereof giving Legal Notice of the time & Design of Holding such Meeting after which the Anual Meeting of said Town for the Choice of such Officers & Management of the Affairs aforesaid shall be held within the same on the first Tuesday of January Annually. In Testimony Whereof we have Caused the Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness Benning Wentworth Esq our Governor & Commander in Chief of our said Province of New Hampshire the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of Jan<sup>ry</sup> in the 33<sup>d</sup> Year of our Reign & in the Year of our Lord Christ 1760

B Wentworth

By his Excellencys Command  
with Advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Province of New Hampshire Feb<sup>ry</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1760

Recorded According to the Original Charter under the Province Seal

W Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

[PETERBOROUGH INCORPORATION RENEWED, 1762.]

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\*Province of New Hampshire

Peterborough



GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c—

WHEREAS our late Royal Grandfather King George the Second of Glorious Memory of Special Grace & upon the Petition of the Inhabitants of a tract of Land in our sd Province known by the Name of Peterborough & for the maintaining<sup>1</sup> good order & Encourageing the Culture of the Land there by his Letters Patent or Charter, under the seal of our said Province, dated the 17<sup>th</sup> day of January in the 33<sup>d</sup> Year of his Reign, did Erect & Incorporate with a Body Politick & Corporate by the Name of Peterborough the Inhabitants of the said Tract of Land or those that should thereon Inhabit thereafter, which Tract is Butted & Bounded as in the said Patent or Charter is Express'd, & was to have Continuance untill the Expiration of Two Years & no longer which time being now Elapsed & the Inhabitants having again Petitioned to have the said Charter Priviledges Renew'd & it appearing necessary to answer the good end proposed as well as to enable the Inhabitants afores<sup>d</sup> to Assess & Collect their Rates & Taxes—

KNOW YEE that we being willing to Promote the good end proposed, have of our further grace & Favour by & with the Advice of our trusty & Well beloved BENNING WENTWORTH Esq. our Governour & Commander in Cheiff & of our Council for said Province, Revived & Re granted & by these Presents do Revive & Re grant unto the said Inhabitants & their successors on the said

Tract of Land, all the Powers & Authorities Priviledges & Im'unitys & Franchizes in the said Charter Mentioned, as they Enjoy'd the same, while that Charter was in Force, & to have Continuance, untill we shall approve or Disallow the same & signify such our Approbation or Disallowance & to Obviate any Dispute that may arise about the Authority in calling a Meeting of the Inhabitants &c, the Select Men or those that were appointed to to that Office, & served therein the Last Year, are hereby authorized in the usual Form & method to Notify & Call a Meeting of the Said Inhabitants for the Choice of Town Officers & other affairs of said Town—

In Testimony whereof we have Caused the Seal of the Province afores<sup>d</sup> to be hereunto Affixed—Witness Benning Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governour & Commander in Cheiff this      day of Aprill in 2<sup>d</sup> Year of our Reign A : D : 1762      B Wentworth

By his Excell<sup>ty</sup> Command  
with Adv : of Council—

Theodore Atkinson jun<sup>r</sup> Se<sup>cr</sup>

Recorded April 1762

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson

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PIERMONT.

[Granted Nov. 6, 1764, to John Temple and others. A portion of Piermont was annexed to Wentworth Jan. 15, 1787, and the same was reannexed to Piermont July 1, 1819.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 684; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 277, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 190; Index to Laws, 421; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 370; History of the Coös Country, by Grant Powers, 1841; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 252; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 570.]

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[PIERMONT CHARTER, 1764.]

\*Province of New-Hampshire.

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GEORGE, THE THIRD,

By the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come,*

Piermont Greeting.

Know Ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge,

and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, in *New-England*, and of Our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Sixty three equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, 23,000 *Acres*, which Tract is to contain Almost Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Beginning at a Marked Tree Standing on the Bank of the Easterly Side of Connecticut River which is the North Westerly Corner Bounds of the Town of Orford & from thence about Six Miles on a Strait Line up Conneticut River North Easterly to the South Westerly Corner Bounds of Haverhill the River as that Runs being the Bounds on that Side. Then Turning off & Runing South fifty three Degrees East five Miles &  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a Mile by Haverhill aforesaid to the South Easterly Corner thereof which is also the North Westerly Corner of Warren then Turning off & Runing South 20<sup>00</sup> West five Miles &  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a Mile by Warren aforesaid to the South Westerly Corner of Warren aforesaid which is also the North Easterly Corner of Orford then North fifty Eight Degrees West Six Miles & one Quarter of a Mile by Orford aforesaid to the North Westerly Corner thereof the Bounds Began at & Col<sup>o</sup> John Goffe & Sam<sup>l</sup> Emerson Esq<sup>r</sup> are hereby Appointed to Lay out said Town And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Piermont And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as



soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the \_\_\_\_\_ And the other on the \_\_\_\_\_ annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective \_\_\_\_\_ following the said \_\_\_\_\_ and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be \*opened and kept one or \*3-123 Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantageous to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the fourth Tuesday in Jan<sup>r</sup> next which said Meeting shall be Notified by The Hon<sup>ble</sup> Theodore Atkinson Esq who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and

marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*. 1765

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the above-said twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1775 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the Sixth Day of November In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty four And in the fifth Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,  
with Advice of COUNCIL,

T Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Province of New Hampshire Nov<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1764

Recorded from the Original Charter under the Province Seal  
T Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>ry</sup>

\*Names of the Grantees of Piermont Viz

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The Hon <sup>ble</sup>	John Temple	Jonathan Moulton Esq	John Goffe Esq
	Theodore	Christopher Toppin Esq	Cap <sup>t</sup> Ezekiel Worthen
	Atkinson	Peter Gilman Esq	Jonathan Church
	Richard Wibird	Zebulon Giddinge	John McDuffee
	John Downing	George Frost Esq	Robert Temple Esq
	Daniel Warner	Rich <sup>d</sup> Jenness Esq	Cap <sup>t</sup> Timothy Beedle
	Joseph	Benjamin Stevens	Nathan Whiting Esq
	Newmarch	Richard Downing Esq	John Fisher Esq
	Mark H <sup>e</sup>	Esq <sup>m</sup> Andrew Wiggin Esq	George Jaffrey Esq
	Wentworth	Samuel Barr Esq	Wyseman Clagett Esq
	James Nevin	Maj <sup>r</sup> Joseph Smith Esq	Maj <sup>r</sup> John Wentworth Esq
	Theodore	Clement March Esq	Leverett Hubbard Esq
	Atkinson jr	Col <sup>o</sup> Joseph Smith Esq	Thomas Packer Esq
	Nath <sup>l</sup> Barrell	John Page Esq	Samuel Wentworth }
	Henry	Samuel Emerson Esq	Esq Boston }
	Sherburne	Jon <sup>a</sup> Carlton	Peter Livius Esq
	Meshech Weare	Joseph Wright Esq	John Tufton Mason Esq
William Parker Esq		Doct <sup>r</sup> John Hale	George Livius
Andrew Clarkson		Cap <sup>t</sup> John Wentworth	Hall Jackson
Cap <sup>t</sup> Thomas W <sup>k</sup> Waldron		Joseph Blanchard Esq	Charles Paxton Esq &
Cap <sup>t</sup> Howard Henderson		Cap <sup>t</sup> Samuel Greely	Robert Auchmuty Esq

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq a Tract of Land to Contain five Hundred Acres as Marked B W in the Plan which is to be Accounted two of the within Shares One whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. One Whole Share for a Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established One whole Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel in s<sup>d</sup> Town and One Whole Share for the Benefit of a School in said Town forever

Province of New Hampshire Nov<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1764

Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter under the Province Seal.

¶ T Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>y</sup>—



our Governor & Commander in Chief of our said Province of New Hampshire, & of our COUNCIL of the same, HAVE (upon the Conditions and Reservations herein particularly recited and expressed) given and granted and by these presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give and grant unto our leige and loving Subject THOMAS MARTIN of Portsmouth in our County of Rockingham and Province aforesaid Merchant and to his Heirs and Assigns for ever a certain Tract or parcel of Land containing by admeasurement Five Hundred Acres situate lying and being within the Township of Piermont in our said Province as by a plan or Survey thereof (exhibited by our Survey<sup>r</sup> General of Lands for our said Province by our said Governor's Order and returned into the Secretary's office of our said Province, a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed) may more fully and at large appear, Butted & Bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at a Birch Tree standing on the bank of Connecticut River, from thence running South Fifty three Degrees East Four Hundred and Sixty Rods to a Beech Tree, from thence running North Thirty Seven degrees East one Hundred & Eighty Rods to a Maple Tree, from thence running North Fifty three Degrees West Four Hundred and Ninety five Rods to a white Maple Tree standing on the Bank of Connecticut River aforesaid, from thence down said River as that tends to the Bounds first mentioned. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed to him the said Thomas Martin & to his Heirs and assigns for Ever upon the following Terms Conditions & Reservations Viz<sup>t</sup>.—

FIRST That the said Grantee shall cut clear and make passable for Carriages &c. a Road of Three Rods wide thro' the said Tract as shall be at any Time hereafter directed or order'd by the Governor & Council aforesaid, which Road shall be completed in One Year from the date of such order or Direction of the Governor & Council aforesaid, on penalty of the Forfeiture of this Grant and of its reverting to us our Heirs & Successors.

SECONDLY That the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be settled Two Families in Four Years from the date of this Grant; in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon & regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually Settle & cultivate the same.

\*THIRDLY That all white and other Pine Trees fit for Mast<sup>g</sup> our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use & none to be [cut] or fell'd without our Special Licence for so doing first had & obtained on penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right

of the Grantee in the premises his Heirs & Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.

FOURTHLY Yielding and Paying therefore to us our Heirs and Successors on or before the Twenty fifth day of December 1774, the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded.

FIFTHLY. That the said Grantee his Heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors, shall yield and pay, yearly and every Year for Ever from and after the expiration of Four Years from the date of this Grant ONE SHILLING Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns Settles or possesses and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Land aforesaid; which Money shall be paid by the respective Proprietor Owner or Settler in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such officer or officers as shall be appointed to receive the same. And these to be in lieu of all other Rents & Services whatsoever.—

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esq: our aforesaid Governor & Commander in Chief the Twenty second day of April in the Twelfth year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1772.

J<sup>r</sup> Wentworth.

By his Excellency's Command }  
with advice of Council }  
Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Recorded according to the Original Grant under the Province Seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 1772.

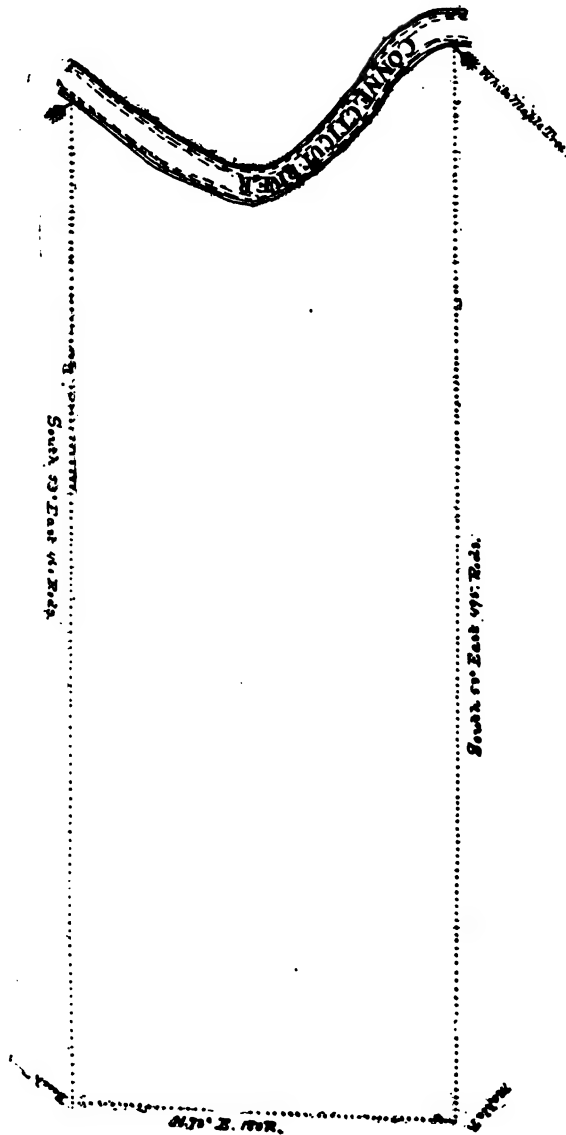
Attest<sup>r</sup>

Province of New Hampshire, Portsmouth 6<sup>th</sup> april 1772.

These Certify that this Plan Beginning at a Birch Tree standing on the Bank of Connecticut River, from thence running South Fifty three Degrees East 460 Rods to a Beech Tree, from thence running N. 39° E. 180 Rods to a Maple Tree, from thence running N. 53° W. 495 Rods to a White Maple Tree standing on the Bank of Connecticut River aforesaid, from thence down said River as that tends to the Bound first mentioned, lying within

\*1-429 \*the Township of Piermont, Contains Five hundred Acres of Land, & is a True Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Tract as taken and returned to me by M<sup>r</sup> Jotham Cummings D<sup>y</sup> Surveyor.

Attest<sup>r</sup> Is. Rindge Surv<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>



## PITTSBURG.

[This was formerly known as the *Indian Stream* territory. Incorporated as Pittsburg, December 10, 1840. The north and west lines were established July 1, 1841. The boundary lines were established December 30, 1848. This is the most northerly town in the state, and includes the tracts known as Carlisle, Hubbard, and Webster.

See Index to Laws, 255, 435; Historical Sketch of the Northern Boundary, 2, Collections of New Hampshire Historical Society, 267; sketch, by David Blanchard, Fergusson's History of Coös County, 1888, p. 696; Report of Judiciary Committee on Indian Stream Affairs, House Journal, June, 1835, p. 177; Report of Commissioners to Indian Stream, November, 1836, pp. 72; Military History of New Hampshire, by C. E. Potter, Adjutant General's Report, 1868, p. 269; From the Sources of the Connecticut to the Rangeley Lakes, by R. B. Lawrence, 4, Appalachia, 105; Camel's Hump and the Rangeley Lake Mountains, *id.*, 294; Lawrence's New Hampshire Churches, 1856, p. 610. The Northern Boundary and the Indian Stream Settlement, Annual Address before the New Hampshire Historical Society, by Edgar Aldrich, September, 1894.]

## PITTSFIELD.

[Set off from Chichester and incorporated March 27, 1782.

See papers under title Chichester; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 123; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 197; Index to Laws, 435; sketch, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 587; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 162; Baptist Churches in New Hampshire, by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 17; Lawrence's New Hampshire Churches, 1856, p. 404; Pittsfield in the Great Rebellion, by H. L. Robinson, 1893.]

## PLAINFIELD.

[Granted August 14, 1761, to Benjamin Hutchins and others, and named from Plainfield, Conn. Portions of this town and Grantham were constituted the parish of Meriden, June 23, 1780. The Grantham portion of this parish was annexed to Plainfield, July 12, 1856.

See X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 199; Index to Laws, 436; Baptist Churches in New Hampshire, by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 11; Lawrence's New Hampshire Churches, 1856, pp. 461, 470; History and Catalogue of Members of Congregational Church, Meriden, 1780-1858; sketch, Hurd's History of Sullivan County, 1886, p. 310; Rambles about Plainfield, by F. A. Briggs, in files of *Claremont Eagle*; General Catalogue of Kimball Union Academy, 1880.]

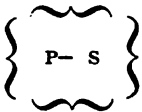


## [PLAINFIELD CHARTER, 1761.]

\*Province of New-Hampshire.

\*2-113

Plainfield



GEORGE THE THIRD,  
By the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and  
Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come,  
Greeting.*

KNOW ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of NEW-HAMPSHIRE in *New-England*, and of our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Sixty Six equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, Twenty Two thousand three Hundred *Acres*, which Tract is to contain Almost Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Beginning at A Pine Tree Marked with the figures 3 & 4- Standing near the Bank of Connecticut River abt Eighteen Miles from the Notherly End of Charlestown, and in the South West<sup>r</sup> Corner of Labanon from thence South Seventy Two Degrees East Six Miles to the South Westerly Corner of Endfield then South forty Two degrees West Six Miles to the South Westerly Corner of Grantham, thence North Seventy Six degrees West Six Miles to Connecticut River afore Said to a Tree marked with the figures 2 & 3 thence up the river as that runs to the Bounds first Mentioned—And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name

of Plainfield And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the

And the other on the \_\_\_\_\_ annually, which Fairs are not  
to continue longer than the respective \_\_\_\_\_ following the said

and that as soon as the said Town shall  
\*2-114 consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be \*opened and  
kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought  
most advantageous to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting  
for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said  
Province, shall be held on the Second Tuesday of September Next  
which said Meeting shall be Notified by M<sup>r</sup> John Stevens who is  
hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting,  
which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Cust-  
oms of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever  
hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town,  
shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE  
and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together  
with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respec-  
tive Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions,  
viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or Them Re-granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*. 1762

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the above-said twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1772 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of August In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty one And in the First Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,  
with Advice of COUNCIL,

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> August 14<sup>th</sup> 1761

Recorded According to the Original under the Province Seal

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

\*The Names of the Grantees of Plainfield Viz      \*2-115

Benjamin Hutchins	Daniel Woodward	Eleaz <sup>r</sup> Cady
James Bradford	Robert Dixson Esq-	Valentown
John Stevens	Thomas Gallop	William Kennedy
John Hall	Joseph Spaulding	John Gallop

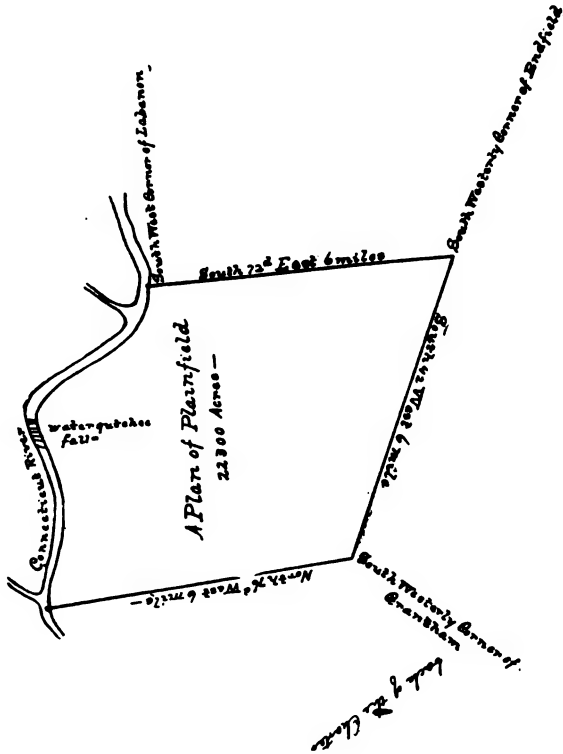
James Dean	Joseph Farnum jun <sup>r</sup>	Jonathan Phillips
Stephen Hall	William Cutler	Curtis Spaulding
Andrew Spaulding	John How	Jonas How
Tho <sup>s</sup> Heard	Zach <sup>r</sup> Frink	Stephen Warren
Stephen Kingsley	Joshua Frink	William Edwards
Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Gallop	Daniel Clark	Samuel Hill jun <sup>r</sup>
Jeremiah Cady	John Spaulding	James Mathews
Moses Tufts	Waterman Clift	Elias Woodward
Amos Frink	Benj <sup>a</sup> Hutchens jun <sup>r</sup>	Joseph Williams
Sam <sup>l</sup> Kingsberry	Nath <sup>l</sup> Main	Cyprean Stevens-Killingsly
Benj <sup>a</sup> Spaulding	Killingsly	Caleb Sheapard
Martha Smith	Moses Smith-Canterbury	John Nelson
Samuel Gorden	Samuel Spaulding	Joshua Dunlap
Jesse Spaulding	Abel Stevens	Josiah Spaulding
Moses Warren	Francis Smith	Joseph Smith
Theod <sup>r</sup> Atkinson Esq	M <sup>r</sup> H Wentworth Esq	Benning Wentworth
	& John Wentworth Esq	

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq a Tract of Land to Contain Five hundred Acres as Marked in the Plan B W- which is to be Accounted Two of the within Shares one whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts one Share for A Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established one Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel One Share for the Benefit of A School in the Said Town—

Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> August 14<sup>th</sup> 1761

Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter of Plainfield

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>



Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Aug<sup>t</sup> 14-1761  
 Recorded from the Back of the original Charter of Plainfield  
 under the Pro<sup>v</sup> Seal

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

## [GRANT TO JONATHAN CHASE, 1772.]

\*I-402      \*Province of } GEORGE the Third by the Grace of  
                  New Hampshire } God of Great Britain France & Ireland  
 (Jon<sup>a</sup> Chase's Grant of 2 KING Defender of the Faith &c.  
 Islands in Connect<sup>d</sup>. River) To ALL to whom these Presents shall

{ L. S. }

come GREETING.

KNOW YE that we of our special grace certain knowledge and mere Motion for the due encouragement of settling a New Plantation within our said Province, by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor & Commander in chief of our said Province of New Hampshire in New Eng-

\*I-403 land, \*and of our Council for the said Province, Have upon the Conditions & Reservations herein after made given and granted and by these Presents for us our Heirs & Successors Do give and grant unto our Loving Subject JONATHAN CHASE of Cornish in our County of Cheshire in our Province aforesaid Gentleman, and to his Heirs and Assigns forever, those Two Islands in Connecticut River within our said Province, commonly called known & distinguished by the Names HART ISLAND and BUCK ISLAND, the Contents & situation of said Islands being respectively as follows, that is to say, Hart Island, containing

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19- 0- 5, situate lying and being between the Towns of Plainfield on the East side of said River, and Hartford on the west side

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thereof, also, Buck Island containing 8- 1- 11, situate lying and being between the Towns of Windsor on the west side, and Cornish on the East side of said River; all which will more fully appear by a separte Plan or Survey of each of said Islands, exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province by our Said Governor's Order and returned into the Secretary's office of our said Province, Copies whereof are hereunto annexed. To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Granted Premises with all Privileges and Appurtenances unto him the said Jonathan Chase his Heirs and Assigns for Ever, upon the following Conditions Viz<sup>t</sup>.

FIRST That the said Jonathan his Heirs and Assigns shall plant and cultivate Six Acres on each of the said Islands. within the Term of Two Years, and to continue to improve & settle the same by additional Cultivations on penalty of the forfeiture of his Grant in either or both of the said Islands and of their reverting to

us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle & cultivate the same.

SECONDLY That all white and other Pine Trees throughout the said Islands fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use, and none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had & obtained upon the penalty of the forfeiture of his Grant by these Presents & of its reverting to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties of any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.

\*I-404 \*THIRDLY Yielding and Paying therefor unto us our Heirs & Successors for the space of Three Years from this Date, the Rent of One Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded.

FOURTHLY That the said Grantee his Heirs & Assigns shall yield and Pay unto us our Heirs and Successors yearly and every year for ever from and after the expiration of the said three years in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same, FIVE SHILLINGS Sterling ꝑ. Annum for Ever : And these to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

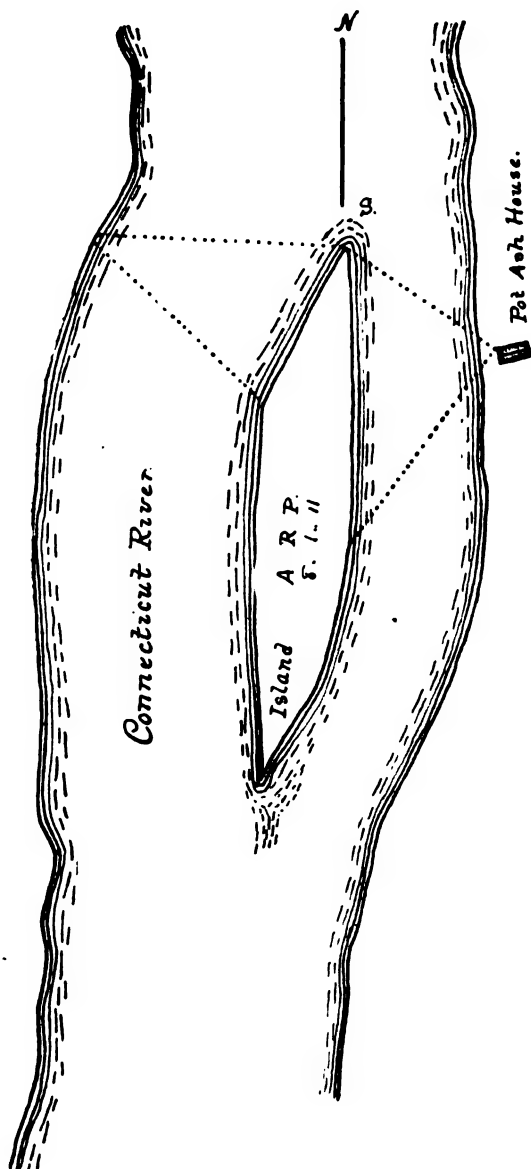
IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness our aforesaid Governor & Commander in Chief the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January in the 12<sup>th</sup> year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1772. J' Wentworth.

By his Excellency's Command  
with advice of Council

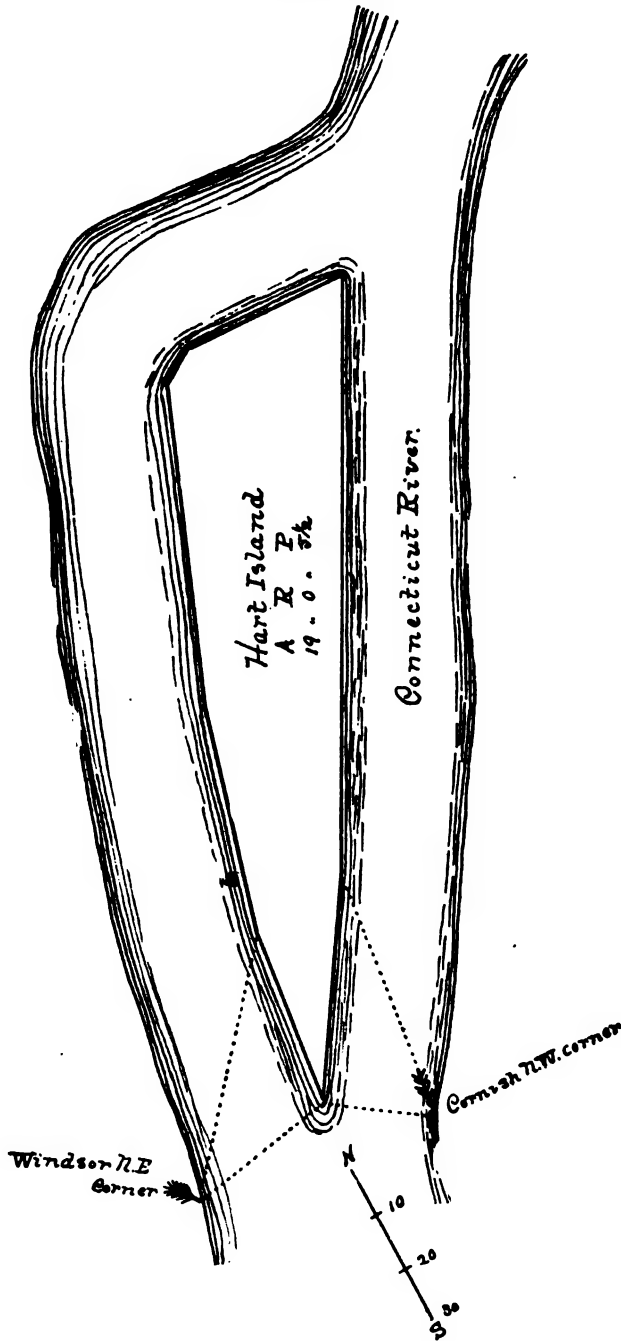
· Theodore Atkinson Secretary

Province of New Hampshire 25<sup>th</sup> January 1772.

Recorded according to the Original Patent under the Province Seal.







Province of New Hampshire

Portsmouth 21<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1772

These may Certify that this Plan of Buck Island so called lying in Connecticut River between the Towns of Cornish & Windsor contains Eight Acres one Rood & eleven Rods of Land & is a true Copy of an Original plan or Survey of said Island as taken and returned to me by Benj<sup>a</sup> Sumner D<sup>y</sup> Survey<sup>r</sup>

attest : Is : Rindge S. G<sup>l</sup>

Province of New Hampshire Portsmouth 21<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1772. These may Certify that this Plan of Hart Island so calld lying in Connecticut River between the Towns of Plainfield & Hertford contains Nineteen Acres & five Rods & an half of Land & is a true Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Island as taken & returned to me by Benjamin Sumner Dep<sup>y</sup> Surv<sup>r</sup>

Attest : Is : Rindge S. G<sup>l</sup>

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[GRANT TO LEMUEL SMITH, 1772.]

\*4-129 \*Province of New Hampshire

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GEORGE the THIRD by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland KING Defender of the Faith, &c.

TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come. GREETING

{ Lemuel  
Smith's  
Grant }

KNOW YE, that we of our special Grace certain knowledge and mere Motion for the due encouragement of settling and cultivating our Lands within our Province aforesaid, by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor and Commander in chief of our said Province of New Hampshire, & of our Council of the same Have (upon the Conditions and Reservations herein particularly recited and expressed) given and granted, and by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give and grant unto our liege and loving Subject, LEMUEL SMITH of Plainfield in our County of Cheshire and Province aforesaid, and to his Heirs and Assigns for ever, a certain Tract or Parcel of Land, containing by admeasurement Five Hundred Acres, situate lying and being in the North west corner of Plainfield, as by a Plan or Survey thereof (exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province by our said Governor's Order, and returned into the

Secretary's Office of our said Province, a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed) may more fully and at large appear, butted & bounded as follows, Viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at a white Pine Tree standing on the Easterly bank of Connecticut River, which is the South west corner of Lebanon, from thence South Sixty five Degrees west Fourteen Perches, then West Four degrees South Sixteen Perches, thence South Seventy seven degrees West, Twenty Two Perches, thence South Seventy Two degrees west Twenty Perches, thence South Sixty degrees West Eighteen Perches, thence South Forty degrees West, Seventy six Perches, thence South Seventy one degrees West Eighteen Perches, thence South Fifty degrees West Ten Perches, thence South Thirty five degrees West Fifty six Perches, thence South Fifty one degrees West Forty five Perches, thence West Thirty four Perches (being the several Courses and Distances upon the River) to a White Pine Tree marked B. W. from thence South seventy two degrees East Three Hundred and Nineteen Perches to a Hemlock Tree, from thence North Fifty six deg<sup>s</sup> East Three Hundred and Twenty Perches to a Beech Tree in Lebanon line, and from thence North seventy two degrees west to the first mentioned Bounds. To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed to him the said Lemuel Smith and to his Heirs and Assigns for Ever upon the following Terms, Conditions and Reservations. Viz<sup>t</sup>

FIRST. That the said Grantee shall cut clear & make passable for Carriages\* &c. a Road of three Rods wide \*4-130 thro' the said Tract as shall be at any Time hereafter directed or order'd by the Governor and Council aforesaid, which Road shall be completed in One Year from the date of such Order or Direction, on Penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant and of its reverting to us our Heirs and Successors.

SECONDLY. That the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be settled Two Families in Two Years from the date of this Grant; in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon & regranted to any of our loving Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

THIRDLY. That all white and other Pine Trees fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use, and none to be cut or sell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, on Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee in the Premises his Heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs

and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.

FOURTHLY Yielding and Paying therefor to us our Heirs and Successors on or before the \_\_\_\_\_ day of 17\_\_\_\_, the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if Lawfully demanded.

FIFTHLY That the said Grantee his Heirs and Assigns shall yield and pay unto us our Heirs and Successors yearly and every Year for ever from & after the Twenty-fifth day of December 1772 ONE SHILLING Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, Settles or Possesses, and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Land aforesaid; which Money shall be paid by the respective Proprietor; Owner or Settler in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same And these to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever. IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esq: our afores<sup>d</sup> Governor & Commander in chief the first day of August in the 12<sup>th</sup> Year of our Reign, Annoque Domini 1772.

J<sup>r</sup> Wentworth.

By his Excell<sup>cy</sup> Command  
with advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Province of New Hampshire. Jan<sup>y</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1773.

Recorded according to the original Grant under the Province Seal.

Attest<sup>r</sup>

\*4-131 \*Province of New Hampshire. Portsmouth 5<sup>th</sup> January 1773. This Certifies that this Plan Beginning at a White Pine Tree, standing on the Easterly bank of Connecticut River, which Tree is the Corner bound of the Towns of Lebanon and Plainfield, from thence running S. 65° W. 14 Perch<sup>s</sup> then W. 4° S. 16 Perches, then S. 77° W. 22 Perches, S. 72° W. 20 Perches, S. 60° W. 18 Perch<sup>s</sup> S. 40° W. 76 Perches, S 71 W. 18 Perch<sup>s</sup> S. 50° W. 10 Perches, S. 35° W. 56 Perch<sup>s</sup> S. 51 W. 45 Perch<sup>s</sup> West 34 Perches to a white Pine Tree marked B. W., from thence S. 72° E. 319 Perches to a Hemlock Tree, from thence N. 56° E. 32 Perch<sup>s</sup> to a Beech Tree in s<sup>d</sup> Lebanon line, from thence N. 72° W. to the first mentioned Bounds, Contains Five Hundred Acres of Land, and is a true Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Tract as taken & returned to me by Francis Smith D<sup>r</sup> Surveyor.

## PLAISTOW.

[This was originally a part of Haverhill, Mass., and after the settlement of the province line was a part of Haverhill District until incorporated as *Plastow*, February 28, 1749. Atkinson was set off and incorporated as a parish, September 3, 1767. A small part of Kingston was annexed June 28, 1831.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 673; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 210; Index to Laws, 436; sketch, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 436; Biographical Notices of Physicians, 1, New Hampshire Repository, 138; Account of, Poore's History of the Merrimack Valley, 1857-'58, p. 237; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 115.]

## [PLAISTOW INCORPORATED, 1749.]

\*Province of New Hampshire—

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Plastow  
Charter

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Prov: Seal }

GEORGE the Second by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c<sup>a</sup>

To all to whom these Presents Shall Come—

GREETING

Whereas our Loyal Subjects Inhabitants of a Tract of Land within our Province of New Hampshire afores<sup>d</sup> Lying Partly within that Part of Our Province of New Hampshire Called Haverhill District Have Humbly Petitioned & requested to us that they may be Erected & Incorporated into A Township & Infranchized with the Same Powers & Priviledges which Other Towns within our Said Province by Law have & Enjoy—and it Appearing to us to be Conducive to the General Good of our Said Province as Well as of the Said Inhabitants \*in Perticular by maintaining good order & \*1-55 Encourageing the Culture of the Land that the Same Should be done Know Ye therefore that we of our Especial Grace Certain Knowledge And for the Encouragement & Promoteing the Good Purposes & Ends afores<sup>d</sup> by & with the Advice of our Trusty and well beloved BENNING WENTWORTH Esq our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff, and of our Council for Said Province of New Hampshire Have Erected And Ordained, And by these Presents for us Our Heirs & Successors Do will & ordain that the Inhabitants of A Tract of Land afore Said, or that Shall

Inhabit & Improve thereon hereafter Butted & bounded as follows (Viz) Beginning at A Stake Com'only Called or known by the name of Brandy Brow thence runing Six hundred rods in the Province Line to A Stake & Stones, thence runing One thousand rods to A Stake & Stones by Jonathan Clements's Land in the Province Line thence runing West South West five hundred rods to a Stake near Cap<sup>ts</sup> Pond in the Province Line, thence runing Northerly about Twenty two Degrees West Three Miles & a half (Including the whole of Theodore Atkinson Esq Farm Scituate Lying & Being in Said last mention<sup>d</sup> Line) to a black Oak Tree Near Joseph Palmer's which is Londonderry Bounds, thence running by Londonderry Line about one hundred & fifty rods till it comes to the Island Pond, thence runing About Three Quarters of A Mile to A black Oak Tree Which is Kimbals South West Corner bounds by Hampsteeds Line thence run'ing by the Easterly Side of Moses Clements's Land to his South Easterly bounds and from thence by the Northerly Side of Caleb Heaths & John Dustons Land to the brook that runs from Emersons Mill and from thence by the Notherly Side of Cap<sup>t</sup> George Little & Thomas Little's Land to the Easterly Corner bounds of the Said Thomas Littles land which is in Cloughs Meadow & from thence running to the North Westerly Corner of Thomas Hales Lands and by the North Side of Said Hales Land to the North Easterly Corner thereof and from thence to the South East Corner of Woodbridges Farm So called in Almsbury District and from thence about one hundred & forty rods to A black Birch Tree near Said Woodbridge's farm & from thence running South Easterly Two miles & Twenty Rods to A Stake which is Jonathan Carletons bounds and from thence Southerly fifty five rods to an Elm Tree In Newtown Line and from thence runing South Westerly One hundred rods till it comes to the North West Corner bounds of New Town near Joshua Herrimans barn and from thence South Easterly Two miles & forty rods by Newtown Line to A Stake & Stones to the bounds first mentioned And by these Presents \*1-56 Are Declared & ordained to be a \*Town Corporate & Are hereby Erected & Incorporated into A body Politick & a Corporation To have Continuance for Ever by the Name of Plastow—with all the Powers & Authorities Previledges Immunities & Infranchizes to them the Said Inhabitants and their Successors for ever Allways reserveing to us our hiers & Successors All White Pine Trees growing & being or that Shall hereafter grow & be on the Said Tract of Land fit for the Use of our Royal

Navy reserveing also the Power of Divideing the Said Town to us our hiers & Successors when it Shall Appear necessary And Convenient for the Benefit of the Inhabitants thereof, And as the Several Towns within our Said Province of New Hampshire Are by Laws thereof Enabled & Authorized to Assemble And by the Majority of Votes to Choose all Such officers as Are mentioned in the Said Laws We Do by these Presents Nominate & Appoint Nicholas White Esq to Call the first meeting of the Said Inhabitants to be held within the Said Town at Any time within thirty Days from the Date hereof Giveing Legal Notice of the Time Place & Design of holding Such meeting After which the Annual Meeting in Said Town Shall be held for the Choice of Town officers &c<sup>a</sup> for ever on the Last Wednesday in March Annually—In Testimony Whereof We have Caused the Seal of Our S<sup>d</sup> Province to be hereunto Affixed—Wittness BENNING WENTWORTH Esq our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff of our Said Province the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of Feb<sup>ry</sup> in the year of Our Lord Christ one thousand Seven hundred & forty Nine And in the Twenty third year of Our Reig.—

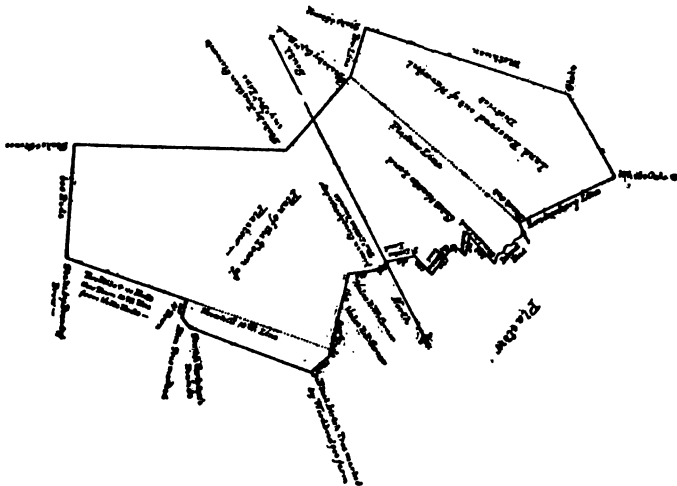
B Wentworth

By his Excelencys Comand  
with the Advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Se<sup>ry</sup>

Entred & recorded According to the Original this 1<sup>st</sup> of March  
1749/50

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Se<sup>ry</sup>



Entred & Recorded According to the Original on the Back of  
the Charter of Plastow March 1<sup>st</sup> 1749

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Se<sup>rv</sup>

## PLYMOUTH.

[Granted July 15, 1763, to Joseph Blanchard and others, and sometimes called *New Plymouth*. Portions of Plymouth and Cockermouth were combined and incorporated as Hebron June 15, 1792. A tract of land formerly severed by a boundary line committee was restored to Plymouth June 21, 1793. The "Everett Farm" and "Withy Lot," owned by Nathaniel Peabody, were annexed at the same time. A portion of Hebron was annexed June 26, 1845, and a portion of Campton June 27, 1860.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 685; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 222; Index to Laws, 437; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 377; Organization of Church, 28, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 88; discourse, centennial of Congregational Church, by H. A. Hazen, 1865, pp. 38; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 571; History of the Coös Country, by Grant Powers, 1841, p. 168; Note, 13, Mass. Historical Society Collections, 109; Biography of John Fenton, by C. R. Corning, 1, Proceedings of Grafton and Coös Bar Association, p. 9 (153); Life and Writings of N. P. Rogers, 1847; In the Heart of the White Mountains, by S. A. Drake, 1882, p. 209; Central New Hampshire, by G. F. Bacon, 1890, p. 54; History of Hollis, by S. T. Worcester, p. 126.]

### [PLYMOUTH CHARTER, 1763.]

\*2-496 \*Province of New-Hampshire.

Plymouth



GEORGE, THE THIRD,

By the Grace of God, of Great-Britain, France and  
Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come,  
Greeting.*

KNOW ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of NEW-HAMPSHIRE in *New-England*, and of our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares,



unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Sixty Eight equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, Seventeen thousand *Acres*, which Tract is to contain five & An Half Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Begining on y<sup>e</sup> Westerly Side of Pemidgwasset River opposite to the North West Corner of Holderness where the Line of Campton comes to the Said River from thence Westerly about Three Miles by the South Line of Campton to the South West Corner thereof which is the North East Corner of Cockermouth from thence South thirty Degrees West five Miles & one half Mile by Said Cockermouth to the South Easterly Corner thereof from thence South Thirty Seven degrees West by a Tract of Land calld Cardigan Six Miles to the Notherly Line of New Chester so called from thence North Easterly by the Line of New Chester about Eleven Miles to Pemidgwasset River from thence up Said River as the Same Trends to the Place begn at—And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Plymouth—And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the

And the other on the  
annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said and  
that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be \*opened and kept one or more \*2-497  
Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantageous to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the First Tuesday of August next which

said Meeting shall be Notified by Joseph Blanchard Esq<sup>r</sup> who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or Them Re-granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*. 1763

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the above-said twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1773 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he

so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the fifteenth Day of July In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty three And in the third Year of Our Reign. B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,

With Advice of COUNCIL,

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> July 15<sup>th</sup> 1763

Recorded According to the Original Charter under the Pro<sup>r</sup> Seal

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\*The Names of the Grantees of Plymouth

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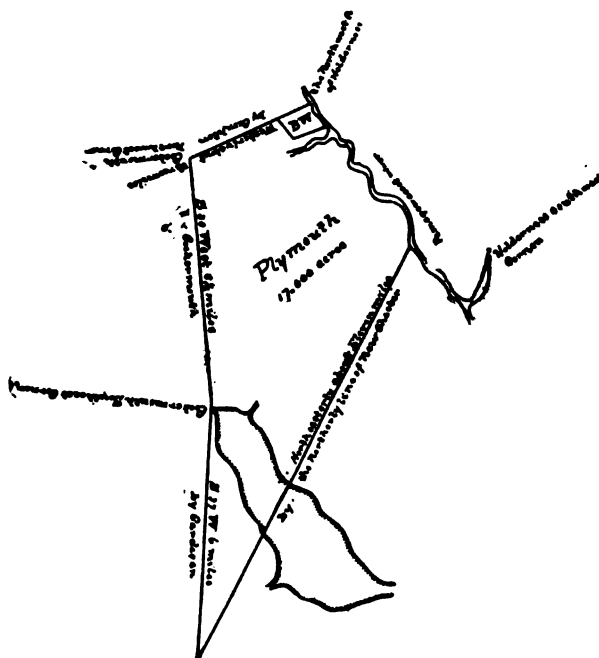
Joseph Blanchard Esq	James Underwood	Thomas M <sup>c</sup> Clure
William Read	Nahum Powers	David Hobart [ble
Oliver Lawrence	Jonathan Johnson	Samuel Cumings of Dunsta-
William Nevens	James Cowan	Abner Keys
Onesepherous Marsh	Stephen Ames	John Brown
Samuel Goodhew	Phinehas Lund	John Harvel
Samuel Cumings Esq	James Nahor	James Hobart
Samuel Hale	William M <sup>c</sup> Clure	Mathew Patten Esq
Joseph Warner	Abel Webster	Francis Powers
Daniel Emerson Jun <sup>r</sup>	Ebenezer Hartshorn	Peter Hobart
Thomas Merrell	William Cumings	William Nutting
Stephen Powers	Jonathan Hobart	Thomas Daves
Elnathan Blood Jun <sup>r</sup>	Benj <sup>a</sup> Parker	Nathiel Garfield
John Willoby Jun <sup>r</sup>	Samuel Thomson	Jacob Hildreth
Ebenezer Cumings	Josiah Brown	Oliver Parker
Richard Pierce	Elnathan Blood	The Hon <sup>ble</sup> Theodore At-
Jonas Keys	Moses Merrell	kinson } Esqr
John Hobart	Zacheriah Parker	William Temple } Esqr
John Phelps	Amos Philips	Theo <sup>d</sup> Atkinson jun <sup>r</sup> }
Jotham Cumings	John Willoby	Meshech Wear Esq
Gershom Hobart	David Wrigh	& Col <sup>o</sup> Joseph Smith—

one Tract of land for his Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq to contain five Hundred acres as Marked B W in the Plan which is to be Accounted two of the within shares one Whole Share for the Incorporated society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, one Share for a Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established one Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel and one Share for the Benefit of a School in Said Town—

Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> July 15<sup>th</sup> 1763

Recorded according to the back of the Original Charter under the Pr<sup>o</sup> Seal—

Ⓣ T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup>—Sec<sup>ry</sup>



Pro<sup>r</sup> N Hamp<sup>r</sup> July 15<sup>th</sup> 1763

Recorded from the Plan on the Back of the original Charter of  
Plymouth

Ⓣ T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

## [GRANT TO JOHN ATKINSON, 1771.]

\*Province of } GEORGE the THIRD by the grace of \*1-384  
 New Hampshire } God of Great Britain France and Ire-  
 land KING Defender of the Faith &c.—  
 { L. S. } To all to whom these Presents shall  
 come. Greeting.—

{ John Atkinson's } KNOW YE that We of our special grace  
 { Grant of 1000 Acres } certain knowledge and mere motion for  
 the due encouragement of settling &  
 Cultivating our Lands within our Province aforesaid by and with  
 the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH  
 Esq: our Governor & Commander in Chief of our said Province  
 of New Hampshire & of our Council of the same, HAVE (upon  
 the Conditions and Reservations herein particularly recited &  
 express'd) given and granted & by these Presents for us our heirs  
 and Successors do give & grant unto our leige and loving Sub-  
 ject JOHN ATKINSON of Newbury in our County of Essex and  
 Province of the Massachusetts Bay Gen<sup>t</sup> and to his Heirs and  
 Assigns for Ever Two Certain Tracts or Parcels of Land contain-  
 ing by admeasurement Five Hundred Acres respectively situate  
 lying and being in our said Province, as by separte Plans or  
 Surveys thereof (exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for  
 our said Province by our said Governor's Order & returned into  
 the Secretary's Office of our said Province, Copies whereof are  
 hereunto annexed) may more fully and at large appear: One of  
 which Tracts being butted & Bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>

Beginning at a Stake and Stones on the bank of Pemigewasset  
 River, from thence running West Four degrees & an half South  
 Four hundred & Sixty rods to a Poplar Tree, from thence South  
 Eight degrees West Two hundred & Fifty five rods to a hemlock  
 Tree, from thence East Four degrees & an half North One hun-  
 dred & Ninety one Rods to a White Pine standing on the bank of  
 Pemigewasset River from thence up said River as that tends to  
 the Bounds first mentioned. The other of said Tracts being thus  
 bounded Viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at the North East Corner of Cocker-  
 mouth at a hemlock Tree from thence running East four degrees  
 & an half North Three hundred & Twenty rods by Plymouth to a  
 Spruce Tree from thence North Thirty degrees East Two hun-  
 dred & Eighty rods to a beech Tree from thence West Four  
 degrees & an half South Three hundred & Twenty rods to a

hemlock Tree, from thence South Thirty degrees West  
 \*1-385 to the Bounds first mentioned. \*TO HAVE AND TO HOLD  
 the said Tracts of Land as above express'd to him the  
 said John Atkinson and to his heirs and Assigns for Ever upon  
 the following Terms, Conditions & Reservations Viz.—

FIRST That the said Grantee shall cut clear & make passable  
 for Carriages &c, a Road of Four Rods wide thro' the said Tract  
 as shall be at any Time hereafter directed or Ordered by the Gov-  
 ernor & Council afores<sup>d</sup> which Road shall be completed in Two  
 Years from the date of such Order or direction of the Governor &  
 Council aforesaid on Penalty of the Forfeiture of this Grant and of  
 its reverting to us our Heirs & Successors.

SECOND That the said Grantee shall Settle or Cause to be  
 settled Four Families in Two Years from the date of this Grant,  
 in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our heirs and Suc-  
 cessors to be by us or them Entered upon & regranted to such of  
 our Subjects as shall effectually settle & cultivate the same.

THIRD That all White and other Pine Trees fit for Masting our  
 Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use and none to be  
 cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had &  
 obtained on penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee  
 in the Premises his heirs and Assigns to us our heirs and Succes-  
 sors as well as being subject to the Penalties prescribed by any  
 present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament.—

FOURTH Yielding and paying therefor to us our heirs and  
 Successors on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1772 the rent of one  
 Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded.—

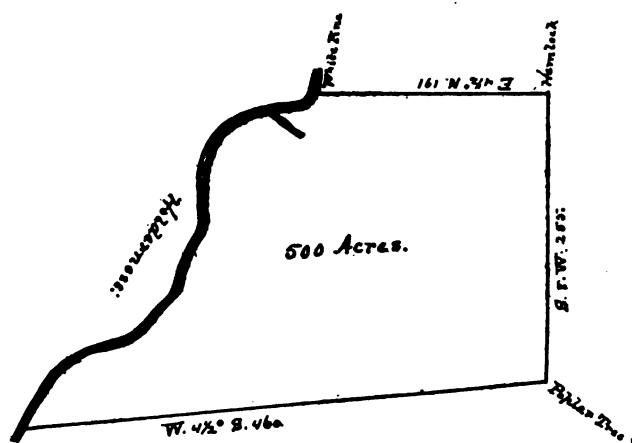
FIFTH That the said Grantee his heirs and Assigns shall yield  
 & pay unto us our heirs and Successors yearly and every year for  
 Ever from and after the expiration of one year from the above-  
 said first day of March namely on the first day of March which  
 will be in the year of our Lord Christ 1773 ONE SHILLING Proc-  
 lamation money for every hundred Acres he so Owns Settles or  
 Possesses and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the  
 Land aforesaid, which Money shall be paid by the respective  
 Owner Settler or Proprietor in our Council Chamber in Ports-  
 mouth or to such officer or officers as shall be appointed to  
 receive the same: & these to be in lieu of all other Rents & Ser-  
 vices whatsoever.

IN TESTIMONY whereof We have Caused the Seal of our said  
 Province to be hereunto affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH

Esq: our aforesaid Governor & Comm<sup>r</sup> in Chief the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July in the eleventh year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1771.—  
J<sup>r</sup> Wentworth.

By his Excellency's Command }  
with advice of Council }  
Theodore Atkinson Secretary.—

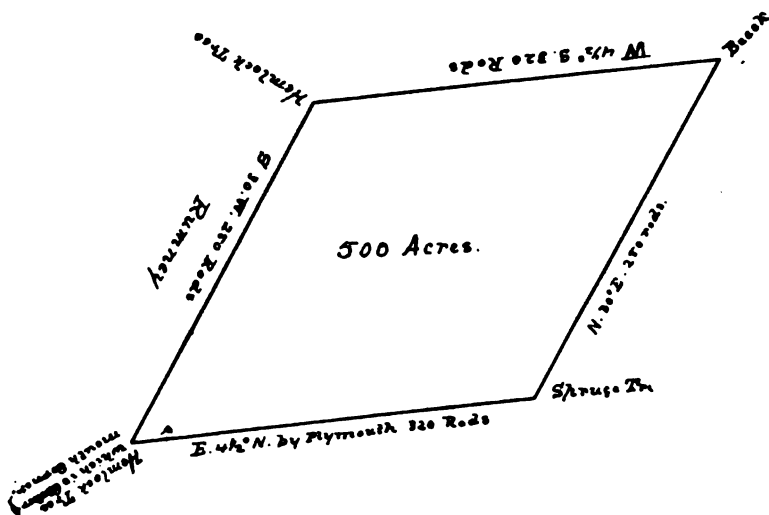
\*Recorded according to the Original Patent under the \*1-386  
Province Seal, the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 1771.—  
Att<sup>r</sup>



Province of New Hampshire, Portsm<sup>o</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> July 1771.

These Certify that this Plan beginning at a Stake & Stones on the bank of Pemigewasset River from thence running West 4 deg<sup>s</sup> & an 1/2 South 460 rods to a Poplar Tree, from thence S. 8° W. 255 Rods to a hemlock Tree, from thence E. 4 1/2 deg<sup>s</sup> N. 191 Rods to a White Pine standing on the bank of Pemigewasset River, from thence up said River as that tends to the bounds first mentioned. Contains 500 Acres, & is a True Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Tract as taken & Returned to me <sup>by</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Jotham Cummings D<sup>ty</sup> Surv<sup>r</sup>—

Att<sup>r</sup>. Is: Rindge S<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>



Province of New Hampshire, Portsmouth 8<sup>th</sup> July 1771.

These Certify that this Plan beginning at the N. E. Corner of Cockermouth at a hemlock Tree, from thence running E.  $4\frac{1}{2}$  deg<sup>s</sup> N. 320 rods by Plymouth to a Spruce Tree, from thence N. 30. E. 280 Rods to a Beech Tree, from thence West  $4\frac{1}{2}$  degs S. 320 rods to a hemlock Tree, from thence S. 30 W. to the Bounds first mention'd. Contains 500 Acres of Land & is a True Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Tract as taken & return'd to me by M<sup>r</sup> Jotham Cummings D<sup>y</sup> Surv<sup>r</sup>

Att<sup>l</sup>. Is: Rindge Surv<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>

[GRANT TO SAMUEL HOLLAND, 1773.]

\*4-143 \*Province of New Hampshre.

Sam<sup>l</sup> Holland Esq.— George the third by the Grace of God  
of Great Britain France & Ireland King  
Defender of the Faith & So forth.—

To all to whom these Presents shall come—Greeting—

Whereas We have thot: fit by our Proclamation at St James's the Seventh Day of October in the Third Year of Our Reign Annoq Domini one thousand Seven Hundred & Sixty Three



among other things to Testify Our Royal Sence & Approbation of the Conduct & Bravery of the officers & Soldiers of our Armies & Signified Our Desire to Reward the Same, & have therein Com'anded & Impowered our Several Governors of Our Respective Provinces on the Continent of America to Grant without Fee or reward to Such Reduced Officers as have Served in North America during the late War And to Such Private Soldiers as have been or Shall be disbanded there & Shall Personally Apply for the Same such Quantitys of Land respectively as in & by our afore Said Proclamation are Particularily mentioned Subject nevertheless to the Same Quit Rents & Conditions of Cultivations & Improvement as other Our Lands are Subject to in the Province in which they Are Granted and Where as Samuel Holland of Portsm<sup>o</sup> in our Province of New Hampshire afores<sup>d</sup> Esq had our appointment as Cap<sup>t</sup> & Engineer And Served during the late War and is now reduced & he having personally Applied & Solicited for such Grant Agreeable to our afores<sup>d</sup> In part recited Proclamation Know YE that We of our Special Grace Certain Knowledge & Mere Motion for the Due Encouragement of Settling & Cultivating our Land within our s<sup>d</sup> Province of New Hampshire do Signify our approbation as Afores<sup>d</sup> & have by & with the advice of our Trusty & Well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq our Governor & Com'ander in Chieff in & over Said Province & of Our Council of the Same Agreeable to our s<sup>d</sup> Proclamation & upon the Conditions & Reservations herein after Mentioned, Given & Granted & by these Presents for Us Our Heirs & Successors do give & Grant unto him the Said Samuel Holland & to his Heirs & Assigns forever A Certain Tract or Parcel of Land Situate lying & being within Our Said Province Containing by admeasurement Three thousand One Hundred & five Acres including A Pond containing about one hundred & forty Acres as by a Plan or Survey of s<sup>d</sup> Tract exhibited by Our Survey<sup>r</sup> General of Lands for Our Said Province (a Copy whereof is hereunto Annexed) may more fully and at large Appear, Butted & bounded as follows Viz begining at A Beech Tree which is the South East Corner of Romney & is known by the name of Fletchers Corner & runs North Thirty Degrees East four Miles & Twenty Five Chains to A Beach Tree thence South Sixty one degrees East ninety Chains to a Beach Tree, thence South Thirty degrees West four Miles & Twenty-five Chains to a Hemlock Tree & thence North Sixty one Degrees West to the Bounds first Mentioned— To HAVE & to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed to him the s<sup>d</sup> Samuel & to

his heirs & assigns for ever upon the following Conditions & reservations Viz First That the Said Grantee shall cut Clear & make Passable for Carriages a road of three rods Wide thro' the Said Tract as shall be at any Time hereafter directed or ordered by the Governour & Council which road is to be compleated in one Year from the Date of Such Order or Direction of the Governor & Council aforesaid on Penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant & of its reverting to us Our Heirs & Successors—

Secondly That the Said Grantee Shall Settle or cause to be Settled Six Families in five Years from the Date of this Grant in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our Heirs & Successors to be by us or them entred upon & regranted to Such of  
 \*4-144 Our Subjects \*as Shall effectually Settle & Cultivate the Same—

Thirdly That all white & other Pine Trees fit for Masting Our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that Use & none to be cut or felld without our Special Licence for so doing first had & obtained on Penalty of the forfeiture of the right [of said] Grantee in the Said Tract of Land his heirs & Assigns to us Our Heirs And Successors as well as being Subject to the Penalties Prescribed by any Present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliam<sup>t</sup>—

Fourthly Yielding & paying therefor to us our Heirs & Successors on or before the fourth Day of March one thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty Two the Rent of One Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully Demanded—

Fifthly— That the Said Grantee his Heirs & Assignes Shall Yield & Pay unto us our Heirs & Successors Yearly & every Year forever from & After the Expiration of Ten Years from the Date of this Grant which will be in the Year of Our Lord Christ one thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty three One Shilling Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns Settles or Possesses and so in Proportion for A Greater or lesser Tract of the Land aforesaid which Money shall be paid by the respective Proprietors or Settlers in Our Council Chamber in Portsm<sup>o</sup> or to such officer or officers as Shall be Appointed to receive the Same and these to be in Lieu of all other Rents & services whatsoever—

IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the Seal of Our Said Province of New Hampshire to be hereunto affixed—Wittness JOHN WENTWORTH Esq our afores<sup>d</sup> Governor & Com'ander in Chieff the Fourth Day of March in the Thirteenth Year of Our Reign And in the Year of our Lord Christ One thousand Seven hundred & Seventy three

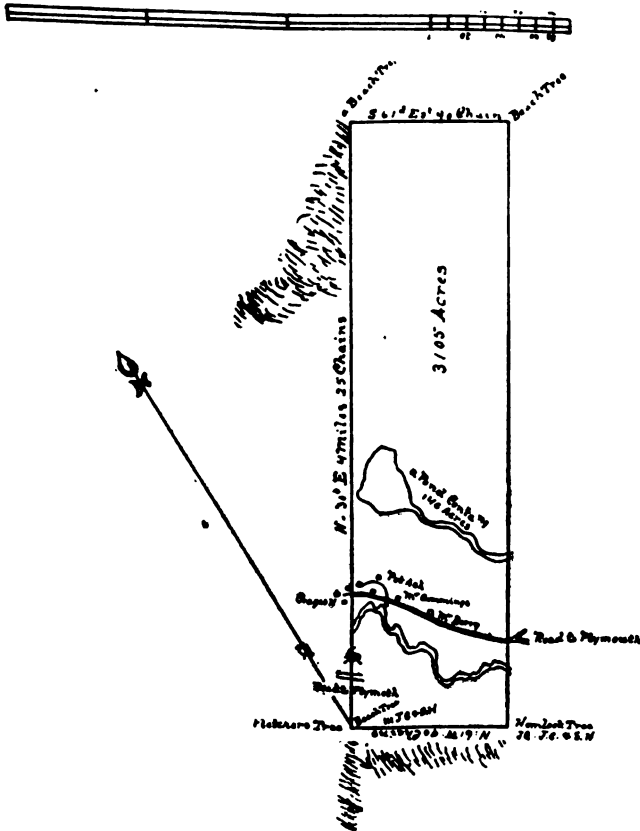
By his Excellency's Com<sup>d</sup>

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

J { P—S } Wentworth

Recorded According to the Original Grant under the Province Seal this 8<sup>th</sup> Day of March 1773.—

Attest<sup>r</sup> Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>



\*Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Portsm<sup>o</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> of Feb<sup>r</sup>y 1773— \*4-145

This Certifys that this Plan begining at a Beach Tree which is the South East Corner of Romney and is known by the Name of

Fletcher's Corner & Runs North 30 Degrees East Four Miles & Twenty five Chains to a Beach Tree, thence South Sixty one degrees East Ninety Chains to a Beach Tree, thence South Thirty degrees West four Miles & Twenty five Chains to A Hemlock Tree & thence North Sixty one deg<sup>s</sup> West to the Bounds first mentioned : Contains Three thousand One Hundred & five acres of Land including A Pond containing about One hundred & forty Acres And is A True Copy of An Original Plan or Survey of Said Tract as taken & Returnd to me by M<sup>r</sup> James Grant Deputy Surveyer Agreeable to a Warr<sup>t</sup> for that Purpose and lays between the Townships of Romney & Campton in S<sup>d</sup> Province.—

Copy Attest<sup>r</sup>

Attest<sup>r</sup> Is— Rindge S : G<sup>l</sup>  
Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

### RANDOLPH.

[Granted Aug. 20, 1772, to John Durand and his son, Edward Parry, Thomas Brown, and Charles Henzell, and named *Durand* in honor of its principal proprietor. Incorporated by the name of Randolph June 16, 1824. Named in honor of John Randolph.

See Index to Laws, 158, 464; sketch, by C. E. Low, Fergusson's History of Coös County, 1888, p. 935; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 610; Randolph, by L. D. Pychowska, 3, Appalachia, 216; Crescent Mountain, by same, 4, *id.*, 73; The Ice Gulch, by W. H. Peek, 4, *id.*, 78; Willey's History of the White Mountains, 1870, p. 58; In the Heart of the White Mountains, by S. A. Drake, 1882, p. 291.]

### [DURAND CHARTER, 1772.]

\*4-99 \*Province of New Hampshire.

(Durand.) GEORGE the THIRD by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland KING Defender of the Faith &c.

TO ALL PEOPLE to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

KNOW YE, that we of our special grace certain knowledge & mere Motion for the due Encouragement of settling a New Plantation within our said Province of New Hampshire in New England by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our GOVERNOR & Commander in Chief in and over our said Province of New Hampshire and of our Council of the same HAVE upon the Conditions herein after made, given

and granted and by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give and grant unto our leige and loving Subjects JOHN DURAND and JOHN DURAND Junior, both of London in our Kingdom of Great Britain, Esquires, in Equal Shares and to their respective Heirs and Assigns for Ever, a certain Tract or Parcel of Land, situate, lying and being within our said Province of New Hampshire, being about Six Miles Square, (the said Grantees having Petitioned us for the same, Setting forth their Readiness to make immediate Settlement,) Containing by Admeasurement Twenty three Thousand Six hundred & Eighty Acres, being about fifty Acres each to the Number in the Families of the said Grantees, exclusive of the following Quantities of the said Land herein expressly assigned to the Persons hereafter Named, that is to Say, unto EDWARD PARRY, THOMAS BROWN & CHARLES HENZELL a lot of Five hundred Acres each; out of which said Tract an Allowance is to be made for Highways and unimproveable Lands by Rocks Mountains & Waters One thousand & Forty Acres free, according to a Plan thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province by our said Governor's Order & returned into the Secretary's Office, a Copy whereof is hereunto Annexed, butted & bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>. Beginning at a Red Birch Tree standing in the Westerly Line of a Tract of Land granted in Addition to the Township of Shelburne, from thence running North Eighty Two Degrees West one Mile to a Spruce Tree, thence North Eight Degrees East Two Hundred Rods to a Red birch Tree, thence North Eighty Two degrees West [five] Miles and Twenty Rods to a Hemlock Tree, thence North Eight degrees East Six Miles to a Red birch Tree, thence South Eighty Two degrees East Six Miles and Twenty Rods to a Birch Tree, thence South Eight degrees West Six Miles and Two hundred Rods to the bound \*began at. To HAVE AND \*4-100 TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed together with all Priviledges and Appurtenances to them the said Grantees & to their respective Heirs & Assigns for ever by the Name of DURAND upon the following Terms, Conditions & Reservations. Videlicet.

FIRST. That the said Grantees at their own Cost shall cut, clear, bridge & make passable for Carriages of all kinds a Road of three Rods wide, thro' the said Tract hereby granted; which said Road shall be completed in three Years from the date of this Grant; in failure of which the Premises & every part thereof shall be for-

feited & revert to us our Heirs & Successors to be by us or them reenter'd upon and regranted to any of our loving Subjects.

**SECOND.** That the said Grantees shall Settle or cause to be Settled Six Families by the first day of January 1774, who shall be actually cultivating some part of the Land & resident on the same, & to continue making further & Additional Improvement Cultivation & Settlement of the Premises so that there shall be actually Settled thereon Sixty Families by first day of January 1780 on Penalty of the forfeiture of any and every Delinquents Share & of such Share or Shares reverting to us our Heirs & Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon & regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually Settle & cultivate the same.

**THIRD** That all white and other Pine Trees being and growing within and upon the said Tract of Land fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use, and none to be cut or felled without our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee his heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliam<sup>t</sup> that now are or hereafter shall be Enacted.

**FOURTH** That before any Division of the Land be made to & among the Grantees a Tract of Land as near the centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of shall be reserved & marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of Four Acres.

**FIFTH.** Yielding and Paying therefor us us our Heirs \*4-101 on or before the first \*day of January 1776, the Rent of One Ear of Indian Corn only if Lawfully demanded.

**SIXTH** That every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant shall Yield and Pay unto us our Heirs and Successors Yearly and every Year for Ever from and after the expiration of Six Years from the above-said first day of January, namely on the first day of January which will be in the year of our Lord Christ 1782, ONE SHILLING Proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he so owns settles or possesses and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the the Land aforesaid; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid their Heirs or Assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same And these to be in lieu of all other Rents & Services whatsoever.

**IN TESTIMONY** whereof We have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto Affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH

Esq<sup>r</sup> our aforesaid Governor & Commander in Chief the Twentieth day of August in the Year of our Lord Christ 1772 and in the Twelfth Year of our Reign.

By his Excellency's Command } J<sup>r</sup> { L. S. } Wentworth.  
with advice of Council. }  
Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

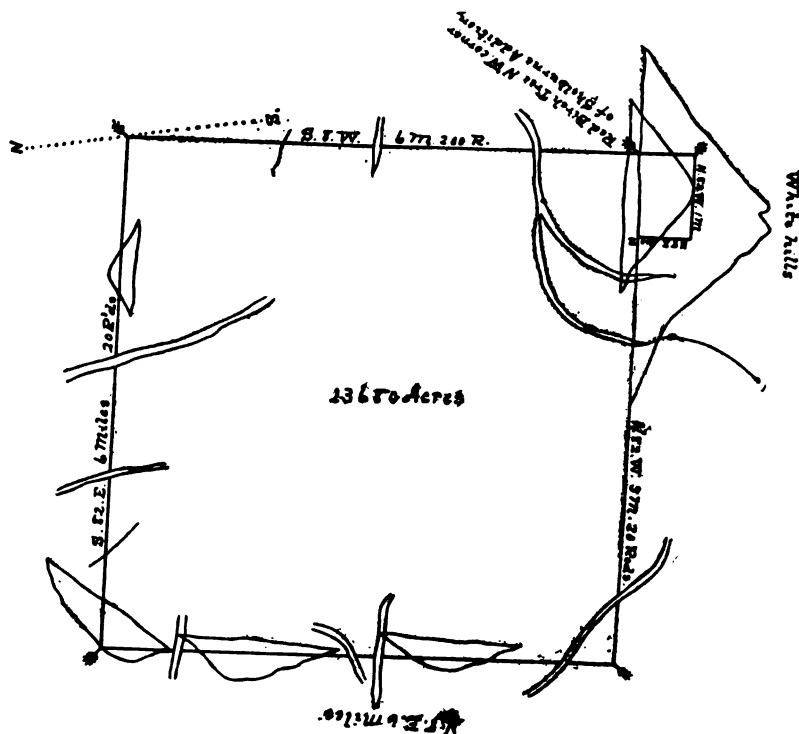
Recorded according to the Original Charter of Durand under the Province Seal this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 1772.

Attest<sup>r</sup> Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Province of New Hampshire, Portsmouth 10<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>st</sup> 1772.

These Certify that this Plan of Beginning at a Red birch Tree standing in the Westerly Line of a tract of Land granted in Addition to the Township of Shelburne, from thence running N. 82° W. 1 Mile to a Spruce tree, thence N. 8° E. 200 Rods to a Red birch Tree, thence N. 82° W. 5 Miles & 20 Rods to a hemlock Tree, thence N. 8° E. 6 Miles to a Red birch Tree, thence S. 82° E. 6 Miles & 20 Rods to a Birch Tree, thence S. 8° W. 6 Miles & 200 Rods to the bound began at. Contains 23680 Acres of Land & is a true Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Tract or Township as taken & returned to me by Captain Hubartis Neal D<sup>y</sup> Surveyor.

Attest<sup>r</sup> Is : Rindge S<sup>r</sup> G<sup>l</sup>



### RAYMOND.

[This territory was purchased of an Indian in 1717, by Col. Stephen Dudley and was called *Freetown*. It was included in the incorporation of Chester Aug. 27, 1726, and so remained until set off and incorporated as a parish by the name of Raymond, May 9, 1764. The boundary line between Raymond and Candia was established June 23, 1848.

See Massachusetts charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 717; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 307; Index to Laws, 465; papers under title Chester; History, by Joseph Fullonton, 1875, pp. 407; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; History of Chester, by Benjamin Chase, 1869, p. 654; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 123; sketch, by Joseph Fullonton, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 443.]



RICHMOND.

[Granted by Massachusetts June 20, 1735, to Capt. Joseph Sylvester's men, and called *Sylvester-Canada*. Granted by New Hampshire Feb. 28, 1752, to Joseph Blanchard and others, and incorporated as Richmond. The charter was renewed June 11, 1760. A triangular tract in the north part of the town was annexed to Swanzey Dec. 11, 1762. Another portion was taken off June 23, 1815, and combined with parts of Marlborough, Fitzwilliam, and Swanzey, to make the town of Troy. The northwest corner was severed and annexed to Winchester July 2, 1850.

See Massachusetts charters preceding; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 394, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 312; Index to Laws, 475; History, by William Bassett, 1884, pp. 578; sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 322; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 352; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 252; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 8; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 284; Universalism in America, by Richard Eddy, 1886, vol. 1, p. 171.]

[RICHMOND CHARTER, 1752.]

\*Province of New Hampshire

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GEORGE the Second by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c<sup>a</sup>—

TO ALL Persons to whom these Presents Shall  
Richmond come GREETING—

Know ye that we of our Especial Grace certain Knowledge & mere Motion for the due Encouragement of Settling A New Plantation within our Said Province by & with the Advice of our Trusty & well beloved BENNING WENTWORTH Esq our Governour & Commander in Chieff of our S<sup>d</sup> Province of New Hampshire in America and of our Council of the Said Province have upon the Conditions & reservations hereafter made Given & Granted And by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors do give & Grant in Equal Shares unto our Loving Subjects Inhabitants of our Said Province of New Hampshire and his Majestys Other Governments And to thier heirs and Assigns forever whose names Are Entred on this Grant to be Divided to and Amongst them into Seventy One Equal Shares, All that Tract or Parcel of Land Scituate Lying & being within our Province of New Hampshire Containing by Admeasurement twenty three thousand & forty Acres which Tract is to Contain Six miles Square & no more out of which and allow-

ence is to be made for high ways & Unimprovable Lands by Rocks Mountains, Ponds & Rivers One thousand & forty Acres free According to A Plan thereof made & Presented by our S<sup>d</sup> Governours orders, & hereunto Annexed Butted & bounded as follows (Viz) it begins at the Southeast Corner of the Premises at A Beach Tree in the Province Line & runs in that Line North Eighty degrees West five Miles and an half to Wenchester line (So Called) to a Beach Tree marked and from thence North by the Needle in S<sup>d</sup> Wenchester line five miles & an half to A Stake & Stones the Corner of Wenchester afores<sup>d</sup> in Ashuelot line from thence South Seventy Eight Degrees East to a Red Oak marked the Corner of Ashuelot from thence North Thirty nine degrees East Seven Miles to A Maple thence South Six degrees West Six miles One hundred & Thirty rods to A beach marked, thence South by the Needle five Miles to the first Bounds, And that the Same be & is Incorporated into A Township by the Name of RICHMOND And that the Inhabitants that do or Shall hereafter Inhabit Said Township Are hereby Declared to be Enfranchized with and Intituled to All & Every the Previlidges & Im'unities that Other Towns

\*1-100 within our \*Said Province by Law Exercize & Enjoy And further that the Said Town as Soon as there Shall be fifty families resident & Settled thereon Shall have the Liberty of holding two fairs one of which Shall be held on the first Tuesday in June—And the other on the first Tuesday in November—Annually which fairs Are not to Continue & be held Longer than the respective Wednesdays following the Said respective Days and as Soon as the Said Town Shall Consist of fifty families A Market Shall be Opened And kept one or more days in each week as may be tho' most Advantagious to the Inhabitants also that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town officers Agreeable to the Laws of our Said Prov<sup>e</sup> Shall be held on the Last Wednesday in March Next which Meeting Shall be Notified by Coll: Joseph Blanchard who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the Said first meeting which he is to Notify & Govern Agreeable to the Laws & Customs of our Said Province And that the Annual meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of Such Officers of Said Town Shall be on the last Wednesday of March Annually TO HAVE & TO HOLD the Said Tract of Land as above Expressed together with all the Previlidges And appurtenances to them & their respective heirs and assigns for ever upon the following Conditions (Viz) that every Grantee his heirs or assigns Shall Plant or Cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres

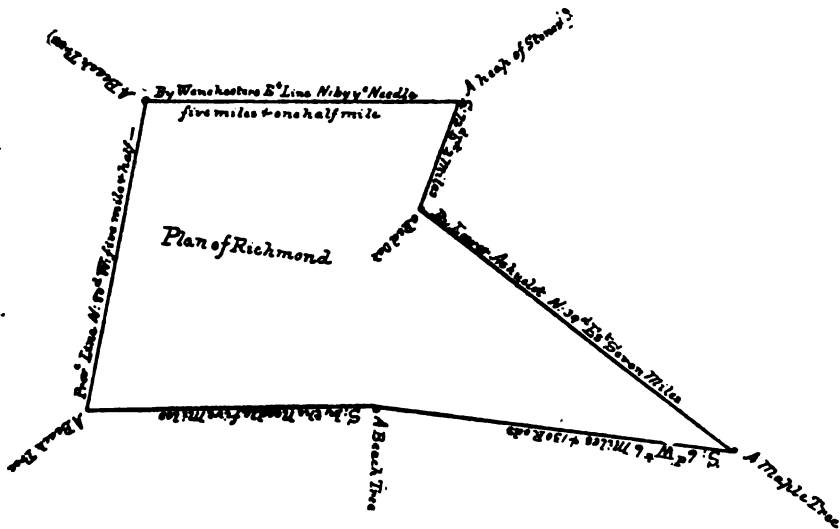
Contain'd in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in Said Township & Continue to Improve & Settle the Same by Additional Cultivations on Penalty of the forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the Said Township and its reverting to his Maj<sup>ty</sup> his heirs & Successors to be by him or them regranted to Such of his Subjects as Shall Effectually Settle & Cultivate the Same, That All white & other Pine Trees within the Said Township fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully Preserved for that use & none to be Cut or felld without his Majesties Especial Lycence for So doing first had & Obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the right of Such Grantee his heirs or assigns to us our heirs & Successors as well as being Subject to the Penalty of Any Act or Acts of Parliament that now Are or hereafter Shall be Enacted That before Any Division of the Said Lands be made to And amongst the Grantees A Tract of Land as Near the Center of the Township as the Land will admit of Shall be reserved And Marked out for Town lotts one of which Shall be Allotted to Each Grantee of the Contents of One Acre—Yielding & Paying therefor to us our heirs & Successors \*for the Space of Ten years to be Computed \*1-101 from the Date hereof the rent of One Ear of Indian Corn only on the first Day of January Annually if Lawfully Demanded the first payment to be made on the first next After the Date hereof Every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant Shall Yield & pay unto us our heirs & Successors Yearly & every Year for ever from & after the Expiration of the Ten years from the Date hereof namely on the first day of Jan<sup>ry</sup> which will be in the Year of our Lord Christ one thousand Seven hundred And Sixty Two One Shilling Proclamation money for every hundred Acres he So owns Settles or Possesses & So in Proportion for A Greater or Lesser Tract of the Said Land which money Shall be paid by the respective person abovesaid their heirs or Assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to Such officer or officers as Shall be Appointed to receive the Same And this to be in Lieu of all other rents & services whatsoever In testimony hereof we have caused the Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto Affixed Wittness BENNING WENTWORTH Esq our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff of our Said Province the Twenty Eighth of february in the year of our Lord Christ 1752 And in the Twenty fifth year of our reign—  
B Wentworth

By his Excelencys Command  
with Advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Se<sup>ry</sup>

Entred And recorded According to the Original under the  
Province Seal this 29<sup>th</sup> Day of Feb<sup>r</sup> Anno Domini 1752—

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>r</sup>



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\*The Names of the Grantees of Richmond—

Joseph Blanchard	Charity Lund	Zacheus Lovewell
Joseph Winn jun <sup>r</sup>	Peter Powers	John Marshall
Joseph Winn	Joseph French	Joseph Barns
William Cumings	Daniel Emerson	Samuel Kenny
Samuel Cumings	John Chamberlain	Josiah Brown
Peter Powers jun <sup>r</sup>	Thomas Harwood	Samuel Greele jun <sup>r</sup>
Samuel Farley	Thomas Colburn	Stephen Powers
John Lovewell jun <sup>r</sup>	Temple Kendall	Stephen Chase
John Searles	Jonathan Snow	Ephaim Adams
John Butterfield	William Cumins jun <sup>r</sup>	Elnathan Blood
Sampson French	Benjamin Parker	Benjamin French
Eleaz <sup>r</sup> Blanchard	Joseph Blanchard jun <sup>r</sup>	Thomas Blanchard
Gideon Honey	Jonathan Chamberlain	Jonathan Parker
Thomas Parker jun <sup>r</sup>	William Parker	Jonathan Cumings
Jonathan Cumings jun <sup>r</sup>	Phinehas Underwood	John Usher
Joel Dix	Joseph Read	Eazer Read

Daniel Rindge	Samuel Greele	Benjamin Whittemore
John Combs	John Brown	John Hunt
Joseph Ashley	Elijah Alexander	John Rindge
Joseph Blodget	William Lund jun <sup>r</sup>	Robert Usher

His Excelency Benning Wentworth Esq a Tract of the Said Land to Contain five hundred Acres which is to be Account Two of the Said Shares, One Whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in forreign Parts, One whole Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel in Said Town, One whole Share for A Glebe for the ministry of the Church of England as by Law Established, Theodore Atkinson, Richard Wibird, John Downing, Sam<sup>l</sup> Smith, Sampson Sheaffe, John Wentworth jun<sup>r</sup>—

Attest<sup>r</sup> Theodore Atkinson Se<sup>r</sup>

Entred & recorded from the back of the Originall Charter for Richmond the 29<sup>th</sup> Day of Feb<sup>r</sup> 1752

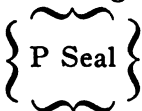
Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>r</sup>

[RICHMOND CHARTER RENEWED, 1760.]

\*Prov<sup>e</sup> of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>

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Richmond  
Chart<sup>r</sup> Lengthned Out



See Page (99)

of Settling A New Plantation within our Province of New Hampshire by Our Letters Patent or Charter under the Seal of our Said Province dated the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of Feb<sup>r</sup> in the 25<sup>th</sup> Year of Our Reign Granted a Tract of Land equal to Six Miles Square bounded as therein Expressed to A Number of Our Loyal Subjects whose Names are entered on the Same to hold to them their Heirs and assigns on the Conditions therein declared To be a Town Corporate by the Name of Richmond as by reference to the Said Charter may more fully appear

And Whereas the Said Grantees have represented that by the Intervention of an Indian Warr since the making the s<sup>d</sup> Grants it

George the Second by the Grace of  
God of Great Britain France & Ireland  
King Defender of the faith &c<sup>a</sup>

To All People to whom these Presents  
Shall come Greeting

Whereas We of Our Special Grace &  
Mere Motion for the due Encouragement

has been impracticable to Comply with & fullfill the Conditions aforesaid & Humbly Supplicated us not to take advantage of the Breach of s<sup>d</sup> Conditions but to Lengthen out & grant them Some reasonable Term for Performance thereof after the Said impediment Shall Cease

Now Know Ye that We being Willing to Promote the End Proposed have of our further Grace & favour Suspended our Claim of the forfeiture the said Grantees may have Incurr'd and by these Presents do Grant unto the Said Grantees their Heirs and Assigns the Term of one Year for Performing & fulfilling the Conditions Matters & things by them to be done which Term is to be renew'd Annually until His Maj<sup>ty</sup>\* Plenary Instructions Shall be recieved relative to the Incident that has Prevented a Compliance with the Charter according to the True Intent & Meaning thereof

In Testimony whereof We have caused the Seal of our s<sup>d</sup> Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Commander in Chieff the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of June in the Thirty third Year of our reign annoq Domini 1760—

B Wentworth

By his Excellencys Com'and  
with advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Prov of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>

Recorded According to the original under the Province Seal the  
12<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1760

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

[PART OF RICHMOND SET OFF TO SWANZEY, 1762.]

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\*Province of New Hampshire

Richmond  
&  
Swansey

GEORGE the THIRD by the Grace of God of Great  
Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the  
Faith &c

{ P S }

To all whom these Presents shall come GREETING  
WHEREAS our Loyall Subjects Inhabiting the Towns  
of Richmond & Swansey within our Province of New  
Hampshire have humbly represented to us that it  
will be of Advantage and utility to them the said Inhabitants to  
have part of the said Town of Richmond taken off and annexed to

Swansey aforesaid, without making any Alteration in the Private Property of either Communities And Praying that the dividing Line of said Towns be altered in the following manner (Viz) Beginning at the North West Corner of Lott N<sup>o</sup> 23 in the Seventh Range of Lotts in said Richmond, Then running due East to the Easterly line of the same Town, then running on the East line of said Richmond to the North East Corner of the said Town of Swansey KNOW Ye therefore that we having taken the Matter of the said Petition into our Consideration, & it appearing Conductive to the ease & good order of both Communities, as well as forwarding the Cultivation of the Lands there Have by & with the Advice of our trusty & well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq our Captain General, Governor & Commander in Cheif of our Council for the said Province of New Hampshire And by these Presents Do alter the Dividing Line between the said Towns of Richmond & Swansey agreeable to the said Petition, & in manner as before set forth & also agreeable to the Plan, hereunto Annexed

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have Caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto Affixed, WITNESS BENNING WENTWORTH Esq. our aforesaid Governour & Commander in Cheif in & over our said Province of New Hampshire the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, in the Third Year of our Reign. Annoque Domini 1762

B Wentworth

By his Excell<sup>ty</sup> Com'and  
with Advice of Council

T : Atkinson Junr Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1762—

Recorded According to the Origional, under the Province Seal

Ⓟ T : Atkinson jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>





[RINDGE INCORPORATED, 1768.]

\*Province of } GEORGE the third by the Grace of \*1-299  
 New Hamp<sup>re</sup> } God of Great Britain France and Ireland

{ P S }

King Defender of the Faith &c

To all to whom these Presents shall come GREETING

WHEREAS our Loyal Subjects Inhabitants of a Tract of Land within our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid known by the Name of Monadnock N<sup>o</sup> 1 lying between Mondnock N<sup>o</sup> 4 and New Ipswich on the Province Line and contains by Estimation Thirty five Square Miles HAVE humbly petitioned and requested us that they may be erected and Incorporated into a Township and infranchized with the same Powers and Priveledges which other Towns within our said Province by Law have and enjoy and it appearing unto us to be conducive to the general Good of our said Province as well as of the said Inhabitants in particular by maintaining good order and encouraging the Culture of the Land that the same should be done KNOW YE therefore that We of our especial Grace certain Knowledge and for the Encouragement and promoting the good Purposes and Ends aforesaid by and with the advice of our trusty and well-beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire Our Governor and Commander in Cheif and of our Council for said Province of New Hampshire have erected and ordained and by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do will and ordain that the Inhabitants of the Tract of Land aforesaid and others who shall inhabit and improve thereon hereafter the same being butted and bounded as follows (Viz<sup>t</sup>) Beginning at the South West Corner of New Ipswich then running on the Province Line west ten degrees North Seven Miles to the South East Corner of N<sup>o</sup> 4 then turning off and running North by the Needle by N<sup>o</sup> 4 aforesaid five miles then turning off again and running East ten Degrees South seven \*miles to New Ipswich then turning off again & \*1-300 running South by the needle by New Ipswich aforesaid five miles to the Bounds began at be and hereby are declared and ordained to be a Town corporate and are hereby erected & incorporated into a Body Politic and Corporate to have Continuance during our Pleasure by the Name of RINDGE with all the Powers and Authoritys Preveledges Immunitys and Franchizes which any other Towns in said Province by Law hold and enjoy to the said Inhabitants or who shall hereafter inhabit there and their Successors for said Term always reserving to us our Heirs and Successors

all white Pine Trees that are or shall be found growing and being on the said Tract of Land fit for the use of our ROYAL NAVY reserving also to us our Heirs and Successors the Power and Right of dividing the said Town when it shall appear necessary and convenient for the Inhabitants thereof PROVIDED Nevertheless and 'tis hereby declared that this Charter and Grant is not intended and shall not in any Manner be construed to affect the private Property of the Soil within the Limits aforesaid and as the several Towns within Our said Province are by the Laws thereof enabled and authorized to assemble and by the Majority of the Voters present to chuse all such Officers and transact such Affairs as in the said Laws are declared WE do by these Presents nominate & appoint Enoch Hale Esq<sup>r</sup> to call the first meeting of said Inhabitants to be held within the said Town at any time within Eighty days from the Date hereof giving legal notice of the time and Design of holding such meeting after which the annual Meeting in said Town shall be held for the Choice of said Officers and the Purposes aforesaid on the Third Thursday in the Month of March annually

IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness our aforesaid Governor and Commander in Cheif this eleventh day of February in the Eighth Year of our Reign and in the year of our Lord Christ 1768

J Wentworth

By his Excellencys Command  
with Advice of Council

T Atkinson jun Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Province of New Hamp Portsm<sup>o</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 12, 1768

Recorded according to the Original Charter under the Province Seal

Geo King Dep<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

## ROCHESTER.

[This town, as incorporated May 10, 1722, included the present towns of Farmington and Milton. The westerly part was set off and incorporated as Farmington Dec. 1, 1798. Milton was set off and incorporated June 11, 1802. A part of the town was annexed to Barrington July 10, 1846. A city charter was granted March 31, 1891.

See Massachusetts charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 721; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 332; Index to Laws, 479; Historical Notices, by Joseph Haven, 2, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 169; sketch, by Franklin McDuffee, Hurd's History of Strafford County, 1882, p. 719; History, by Franklin McDuffee, in two volumes, 1892, pp. 688; Bill of Mortality, 1776-1824, by Joseph Haven, 1, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 283; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 338; Biographical Notices of Physicians, 1, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 276.]

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[*Rochester Taxes.*]

[Farmer's Mss. Town Papers, Vol. 6, p. 115.]

ANNO REGNI Regis Georgii Secundi Nono

WHEREAS the Inhabitants of the Town of Rochester in the Province of New Hampshire have Address'd this Court, Setting forth, that Considering there present Poverty, & the Difficulties which they have, and are Still like to undergo in Settling & Subduing a Wilderness, they were not, nor could for Some time be able to maintain a Gospel Minister among them. Wherefore they pray that the Non Resident Propriet<sup>r</sup> of the Said Town may be Obliged to Assist them therein—And that proper Persons may be Appointed by this Court to call the Inhabitants of the Said Town together this Year to make Choice of Town Officers as in other Towns in this Province—

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by His Excellency the Governor, Council, & Representatives in General Court Convened & by the Authority of the Same, that from & after the Publication of this Act that Every Proprietor of a whole Right or full Share of Lands in the Said Town of Rochester, according to their Charter, being a non Resident therein shall be, & is hereby ordered to pay, to the Inhabitants of the Said Town, or Such Person, or Persons, as they shall from time to time make Choice of and Appoint to Receive the Same, the Sum of fifteen Shillings per annum for & during the full

term of Seven Years, towards the support of a Gospel Minister in the Said Town; And every Such Proprietor of a Greater or lesser Propriety or Interest in lands in the Said Township shall pay for the use aforesaid, and in manner as aforesaid, after the Rate & proportion of fifteen Shillings per Annum for one whole Right or Share of Lands as aforesaid, during Said term—

PROVIDED the Inhabitants of the Said Town Shall, during the Said Term, procure and keep an Orthodox Minister of the Gospel to preach the Same to them in the Said Town—

AND BE IT FARTHER ENACTED by the Authority aforesaid that the Rev<sup>d</sup> Joseph Adams, John Jenniss & William Chamberlane be and hereby are Appointed and Impowered to call the Inhabitants of the Said Town of Rochester together as Soon as may Conveniently be done to Chuse Town officers for the Said Town for the Present Year, and all officers Chosen to Serve the Said Town at that meeting, of the Said Inhabitants, & by virtue hereof shall have, & hereby are Invested with all the powers & Authorities to all Intents & purposes that any other Town officers have by Law in any Town within this Province any Law usage or Custom to the Contrary hereof notwithstanding—

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### ROLLINSFORD.

[Set off from Somersworth and incorporated July 3, 1849. Named in honor of the Rollins family. A small part of the town was annexed to Dover July 16, 1879.

See papers under title Somersworth; Index to Laws, 482; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 344; sketch, by A. W. Pike, Hurd's History of Strafford County, 1882, p. 660.]

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### ROXBURY.

[This town was constituted from parts of Nelson, Keene, and Marlborough, and incorporated Dec. 9, 1812. The line between Roxbury and Nelson was established June 15, 1820. By an act passed July 1, 1868, the entire town was to be annexed to Keene, but the provisions of the act were not adopted by a majority of voters in each town, and Roxbury still remains separate.

See papers under titles Nelson, Keene, and Marlborough; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 351; Index to Laws, 483; sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 329; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 377; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 289.]

## RUMNEY.

[Granted Oct. 4, 1761, to Samuel Olmstead and others. Regranted March 18, 1767, to Daniel Brainard and others.]

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 730; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 354; Index to Laws, 483; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 601; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 581; Biography of Josiah Quincy, by J. E. Sargent, 1, Proceedings of Grafton and Coös Bar Association, 43; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 9; grant to Samuel Holland with Plymouth papers; Proceedings of Celebration, July 4, 1876.]

## [RUMNEY CHARTER, 1761.]

\*Province of New-Hampshire.

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Rumney



GEORGE THE THIRD,

By the Grace of GOD, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.*

Know ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of NEW-HAMPSHIRE in *New-England*, and of OUR COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, Twenty Tree Thousand & Six Hundred *Acres*, which Tract is to contain Something more than Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One

Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Begining at the North Easterly Corner of Dorchester from thence Runing North Forty Five Degrees East Six Miles, thence South Fifty Nine Degrees East, Five Miles & One half Mile, Thence South Thirty Degrees West Five Miles & Three Quarters of a Mile to the North Easterly Corner of Cockermouth, Thence North Sixty One Degrees West by Cockermouth Seven Miles to the North Easterly Corner of Dorchester afores<sup>d</sup> being the Bound first above Mention'd—And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Rumney And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the

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I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his

Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or Them Re-granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*. 1762

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the above-said twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1772 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officers or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of October In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty One And in the First Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,  
With Advice of COUNCIL,  
Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Province of New Hamps<sup>r</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 4. 1761  
Recorded According to the Original Charter under the Province seal

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Se<sup>r</sup>

\*2-215      \*The Names of the Grantees of Rumney (Viz)

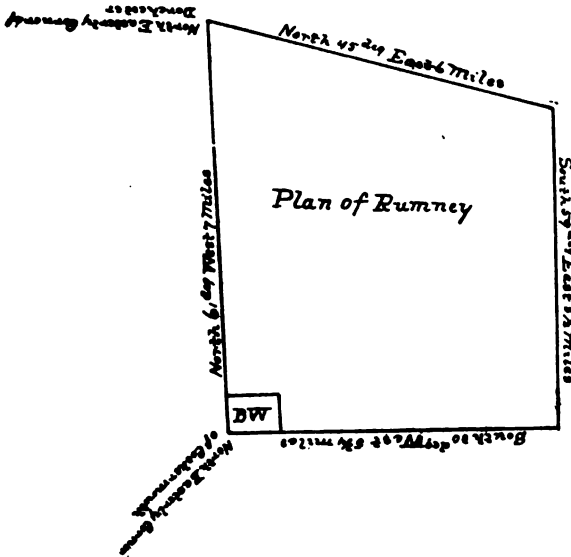
Samuel Olmstead	James Sparrow	Benadam Gallop Jun <sup>r</sup>
Simon Ely	Simeon Ackly	Sam <sup>i</sup> Peck
Richard Andrews	Nath <sup>i</sup> Fellows	Stephen Olmstead
Mathew Smith	Habert Spencer	Joseph Arnold
Jon <sup>a</sup> Bebe 3 <sup>d</sup>	Nathan Burnham	Ebenezer Dutton
Samuel Mack	Matthias Fuller	Jehiel Fuller
Jared Spencer	Green Hungerford	Ebenezer Spencer
John Topham	Aaron Cleaveland	John Passival
John Borden	Jonas Betton	Nun Clark
Jonah Cone	Sam <sup>i</sup> Jones	John Holmes
Ezra Seldon	John Olmstead	William Woodbridge
Rich <sup>d</sup> Mather	Edward Bull	Matthew Griswold Esq <sup>r</sup>
Isaac Clark	Hezekiah Ackly	Noadiah Fuller
Joshua Chappel	Joseph Brooks	Silas Dunham
Sam <sup>i</sup> Fuller	Jabez Chapman	Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>r</sup>
Dan <sup>i</sup> Brainard	Timothy Booge	Mark H <sup>s</sup> Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>
Ichabod Olmstead	Benj <sup>a</sup> Peck	George March
Abner Bebe	Isaac Spencer	John Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>
John M <sup>c</sup> Call	Joseph Spencer	Benning Wentworth
John Sparrow	Israel Spencer	Byfield Lloy <sup>d</sup> Esq <sup>r</sup> &
Nath <sup>i</sup> Sparrow	John M <sup>c</sup> Curdy	Maj <sup>r</sup> Jos <sup>b</sup> Blanchard
Richard Sparrow		

His Excellency Benning Wentworth a Tract of Land to Contain Five Hundred Acres as marked B: W: in the Plan which is to be Accounted two of the within shares One Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, One Share for a Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established, One Share for the first Setled Minister of the Gospel, One Share for the Benefit of a School in said Town—

Province of New Hamps<sup>r</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 4, 1761  
Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter for Rumney under the Province Seal

Attested Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Se<sup>r</sup>





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[RUMNEY REGRANT, 1767.]

\*Province of New-Hampshire.

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Rumney

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GEORGE THE THIRD,

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*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come,  
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KNOW Ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge,  
and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New  
Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of  
our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our  
Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of *New-  
Hampshire*, in *New-England*, and of Our COUNCIL of the said  
Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein

after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy One equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, Twenty three thousand Six hundred *Acres*, which Tract is to contain Something more than Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Begining at the North Easterly Corner of Dorchester from thence runing North 45<sup>th</sup> East Six miles thence South 59<sup>th</sup> East 5 Miles & one half mile, thence South 30 degrees West 5 miles & three Q<sup>rs</sup> of a mile to the North Easterly Corner of Cockermouth, thence N<sup>o</sup> 61<sup>th</sup> West by Cockermouth 7 miles to the North Easterly Corner of Dorchester being the bounds first above mentioned.—And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Rumney And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Privileges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the

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shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the Eighteenth Day of March In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty seven And in the Seventh Year of Our Reign.

B : Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,  
With Advice of COUNCIL,  
T : Atkinson j<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Province of New Hampshire March 19<sup>th</sup> 1767—

Recorded according to the Original Charter under the Province Seal—

Attest<sup>d</sup> P. T Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>ry</sup>

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\*Names of the Grantees of Rumney—

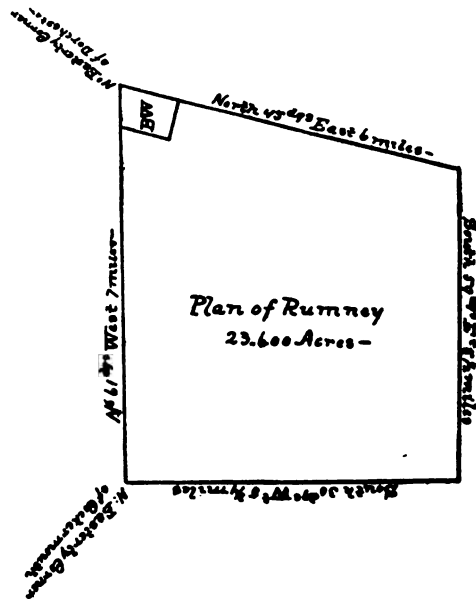
Daniel Brainard	Samuel Gates	Thom <sup>a</sup> Niles Clark
Hobart Spencer	Ebenezer Dutton	Daniel Brainard 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Timothy Booge	Thomas Mosley	Henry Champion
Isaac Spencer	Joshua Gates	Asahel Brainard
Joseph Spencer Esq <sup>r</sup>	Daniel Gates j <sup>r</sup>	Joseph Wright
Israel Spencer	Samuel Emons	Miles Wright
Joseph Arland	Samuel Selden	Ebenezer Cone j <sup>r</sup>
Ebenezer Spencer	Christ <sup>f</sup> Holmes	Barzillai Brainard
Matthew Griswold Esq <sup>r</sup>	Abraham Libbey	Israel Champion
Rich <sup>d</sup> Jeness 3 <sup>rd</sup> Esq <sup>r</sup>	Nath <sup>l</sup> Rand	Ebenezer Brainard
Joseph Welch	Bickford Lang	Trist <sup>m</sup> Coffin Sleeper
John Wright	Capt. Henry Champion j <sup>r</sup>	Ephraim Rand
Joshua Brainard	Moses Smart	Moses Sevey
Amasa Brainard	James Hearth	Ozin Dowst jun <sup>r</sup>
Humphrey Lyon	Alex <sup>r</sup> Craigge	Samuel Wells
Silvanus Tinker	Edmund Elliott	John Wells
Jabez Chapman j <sup>r</sup>	Charles Clark	Joseph Brown
Daniel Brainard 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Aaron Brainard	Francis Lock
Joseph Clark	William Preston	Theodore Atkinson
Capt : Hezekiah Brainard	Humphrey Colebey	Mark H'g } Esq <sup>rs</sup>
Joseph Wells	George Shannon	Wentworth }
Ben <sup>t</sup> Wentworth	Cp <sup>n</sup> Geo : March	John Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>

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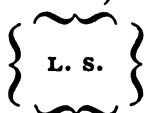
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## [GRANT TO ELIAS WARNER, 1772.]

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\*Province of New Hampshire.

(Elias Warner's  
Grant.)

GEORGE the THIRD by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland KING Defender of the Faith, &c.

To ALL to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

KNOW YE, That we of our special Grace certain knowledge & mere Motion for the due encouragement of settling and cultivating our Lands within our Province aforesaid, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our Gov<sup>r</sup> & Commander in Chief of our said Province of New Hampshire & of our Council of the same, HAVE (upon the Conditions & Reservations herein Particularly recited and express'd) given & granted & by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give and grant unto our leige and loving Subject ELIAS WARNER of Portsmouth in our County of Rockingham and Province aforesaid Gentleman & to his Heirs and Assigns for ever a certain Tract or Parcel of Land containing by Admeasurement FIVE HUNDRED Acres, situate lying & being within the Township of Rumney in our said Province as by a Plan or Survey thereof, (exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province by our said Governor's Order & returned into the Secretary's Office of our said Province, a Copy whereof is hereunto Annexed) may more fully and at large Appear, butted & bounded as follows, viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at an Hemlock Tree, being the South Westerly corner bound of the Township of Rumney, from thence running South Sixty Degrees East, one Mile, thence North Thirty degrees East Two hundred & Ninety two rods to a Beech Tree, thence North Sixty degrees West Two hundred & Forty Rods to a Spruce Tree, thence South Forty five degrees West Three hundred Rods to the bound first mentioned. To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of land as above expressed to him the said Elias & to his Heirs & Assigns for Ever, upon the following Terms Conditions & Reservations. Viz<sup>t</sup>

FIRST. That the the said Grantee shall cut clear & make passable for Carriages, &c. a Road of Two Rods wide thro' the said Tract, as shall be at any Time hereafter directed or Order'd by the Governor and Council aforesaid, which Road shall be completed in Two Years, from the date of such Order or Direction of



the Gov<sup>r</sup> & Council aforesaid, on Penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant, & of its reverting to us \*our Heirs and Successors.— \*4-115

**SECONDLY.** That the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be Settled Two Families in three Years from the date of this Grant; in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our Heirs & Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon & regranted to any of our loving Subjects, who shall effectually Settle & cultivate the same.

**THIRDLY.** That all white and other Pine Trees fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use, & none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had & Obtained, on Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee in the Premises his Heirs & Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being Subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts or Parliament.—

**FOURTHLY.** Yielding and Paying therefor to us our Heirs & Successors on or before the Fifteenth day of July 1775, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded.

**FIFTHLY.** That the said Grantee his Heirs & Assigns shall yield & pay unto us our Heirs & Successors Yearly and every Year forever from and after the expiration of FIVE YEARS from the date of this Grant, ONE SHILLING proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he so owns Settles or Possesses, and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Land aforesaid; which Money shall be Paid by the respective Proprietor Owner or Settler in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same And these to be in lieu of all other Rents & Services whatsoever.

**IN TESTIMONY** whereof We have Caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto Affixed. Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our aforesaid Governor & Commander in Chief the Fifteenth day of July in the Twelfth Year of our Reign, Anno Domini 1772.

J Wentworth.

By his Excell<sup>ty</sup> Command }  
with Advice of Council. }

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Recorded according to the Original Grant under the Province Seal, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 1772.

Attest<sup>r</sup> Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

\*4-116 \*Province of New Hampshire. Portsm<sup>o</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> May 1772.

These Certify that this Plan Beginning at an Hemlock Tree being the S. W<sup>th</sup> Corner of the Township of Rumney, from thence running S. 60° E. 1 Mile, thence N. 30° E. 292 Rods to a Beech Tree, thence N. 60° W. 240 Rods to a Spruce Tree, thence S. 45° W. 300 Rods to the bound first Mentioned, Contains 500 Acres of Land & is a true Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Tract as taken & returned to me <sup>by</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Jotham Cummings D<sup>r</sup> Surv<sup>r</sup>

Attest. Is. Rindge Surv<sup>r</sup> General

[This plan is taken from Vol. 5, p. 309.]



RYE.

[First known as *Sandy Beach*. It was a part of Portsmouth until the incorporation of New Castle, May 30, 1693, after which it was a part of the latter until separated, and, with portions of Portsmouth and Hampton, incorporated as Rye April 30, 1726. All that part of the town southwest of the river was annexed from New Castle Dec. 22, 1791. Gosport, or Star Island, was annexed July 20, 1876.

See papers under titles Portsmouth, New Castle, Hampton, and Isles of Shoals; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 313, 734; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 360; Index to Laws, 211, 484; sketch Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 455; address, by J. K. Aldrich; discourse, by Huntington Porter, 1801, pp. 38; Half-Century Sermon, by same, 1835, pp. 24; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 127; Isles of Shoals in 1653, by C. W. Tuttle, 25, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 162; Descriptive and Historical Account of Isles of Shoals, 7, Mass. Historical Society Collections, 242; Among the Isles of Shoals, by Celia Thaxter, 1893; An Island Garden, by same, 1894.]

SALEM.

[This town was constituted from parts of Haverhill District, Methuen, and Dracut, Mass., and was incorporated May 11, 1750. A new line between Salem and Windham was established Jan. 9, 1752-'3. The charter was confirmed by the Masonian Proprietors March 8, 1759.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 744; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 371; Index to Laws, 486; sketch, by A. H. Merrill, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 469; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 130; Two Sermons, 1816, by John Smith, 1817, pp. 30; Account of, Poore's Merrimack Valley, 1857-58, p. 239; Proceedings of 150th Anniversary of Congregational Church, 1890.]

[SALEM INCORPORATED, 1750.]

\*Province of New Hampshire

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Salem Charter GEORGE the Second by the Grace of GOD of Great Brittain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c\*

{ P S- }

TO ALL to whom these Presents Shall Come Greeting—

Whereas our Loyall Subjects Inhabitants of A Tract of Land \*Within our Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> aforesaid lying Partly within that Part of Our Province of New Hampshire called Haverhill District Have humbly Petitioned &

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requested to us, that they may be Erected & Incorporated into a Township & Infranchized with the Same Powers & Previledges which other Towns within our Said Province by Law have & Enjoy, And it Appearing to us to be Conducive to the General good of our Said Province as well as of the Said Inhabitants in Perticular by Maintaining good order & Encouraging the Culture of the Land that the Same Should be Don— Know Ye therefore That We of our Especial Grace Certain knowledg——& for the Encouragement of & Promoteing the Good Purposes & Ends afores<sup>d</sup> by & with the Advice of our Trusty & well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq our Governor & Comander in Chieff & of our Council for Said Province of New Hampshire Have Errected and ordained and by these Presents for us Our Heirs & Successors Do will & ordain that the Inhabitants of the Tract of Land afores<sup>d</sup> or that Shall Inhabit & Improve thereon hereafter Butted & bounded as follows (Viz) Begining at A Stake by the Captains Pond in the Province Line which is a bound by the Town of Plastow Thence North 22<sup>d</sup>  $\frac{1}{2}$  West about Three Miles & an half (Excluding the whole of Theodore Atkinson Esq<sup>m</sup> Farm Scituate lying & being on the Said Line) to A black Oak Tree near Joseph Palmers land in Londonderry Bounds then South Ninty Degrees West by Londonderry Bounds one Mile & three Quarters to A White Oak Standing in An Angle of Londonderry Line Thence Two hundred Ninety Six rods by Londonderry line to A Stake Standing in Said Line thence South 39 Degrees West Nine hundred & fifty two rods to A Stake & Stones thence South Twenty Degrees East One hundred & fifty Two rods to A Pitch Pine Marked—Thence South Three Degrees East Seven hundred & twenty rods to A White Oak in the Province Line thence as the Province Line runs to the Stake by the Captains Pond first mentioned And by these Presents Are Declared & ordaind to be A Town Corporate And Are hereby Errected & Incorporated into a body Pollitick & a Corporation to have Continueance for ever by the Name of Salem with all the Powers & Authorities Previledges Immunities & Infranchizes to them the Said Inhabitants & thier Successors for ever Allways reserving to us our hiers & Successors all white Pine trees  
 \*1-61 growing & being or that Shall \*hereafter grow & be on the Said Tract of Land fit for the Use of our Royal Navy reserveing also the Power of Divideing the Said Town to us our Heirs & Successors when it Shall Appear necessary & Convenient for the Benefit of the Inhabitants thereof—it is to be understood and it is Accordingly hereby Declared that the Private Property of the

Soil is in no manner of way to be Effected by this Charter—And as the Several Towns within our Said Province of New Hampshire Are by the Laws thereof Enabled & Authorized to Assemble & by the Majority of Votes to Choose all Such Officers as Are mentioned in the Said Laws We do by these Presents Nominate & Appoint Cap<sup>t</sup> Richard Kelly to Call the first meeting of the Said Inhabitants to be held within the Said Town at Any time within Thirty Days from the Date hereof giveing Legal notice of the Time Place & Design of holding Such meeting after which the Annual Meeting in Said Town Shall be held for the Choice of Town Officers &c<sup>a</sup> for ever on the Last Wednesday in March Annually In Testimony Whereof We have Caused the Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff of our Said Province the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of May in the Year of our Lord Christ One thousand Seven hundred & fifty & in the Twenty third year of Our Reign

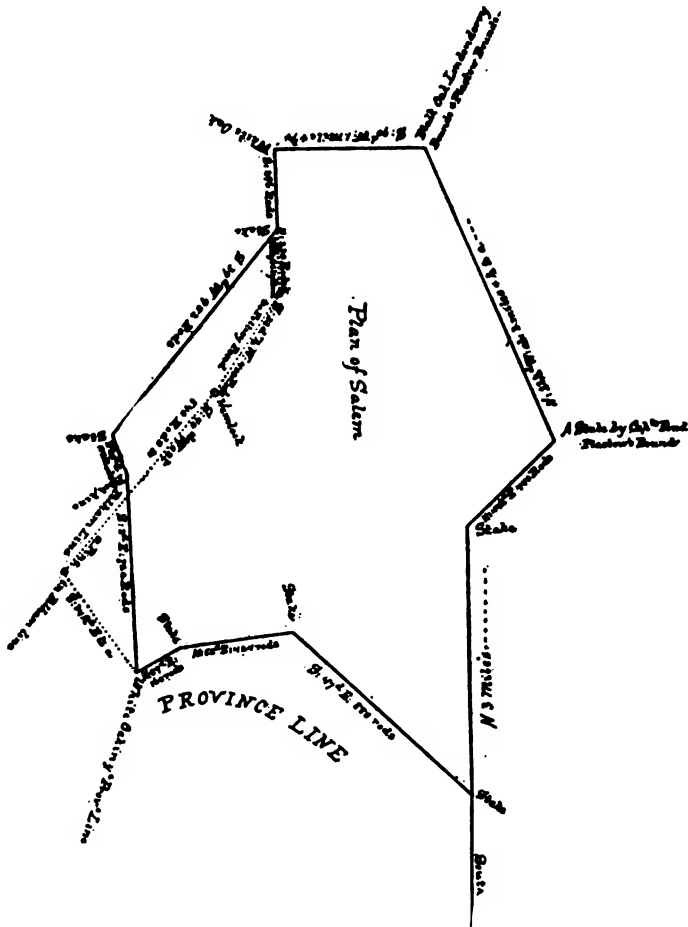
B Wentworth

By his Excelencys Comand  
with Advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Entred & recorded According to the Original under the Province Seal this Eleventh Day of May 1750—

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>



Entred And Recorded According to the Originall on the Back  
of the Charter this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of May 1750

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>r</sup>

Septemb<sup>r</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1751 In Council Mem<sup>o</sup>

The Pricked Line is the Line of Alteration agreeable to Vote of  
this Day

Theodore Atkinson Se<sup>r</sup>

## [SALEM BOUNDS ALTERED, 1752.]

\*Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>

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George the Second by the Grace of God of  
Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender  
of the Faith &c<sup>a</sup>

To All to whom these Presents Shall come  
Salem Charter Greeting—

Altered— Whereas Diverse Disputes have Arisen between the Inhabitants of our Town of Salem and the Inhabitants of our Parish of Windham within our Province afore Said Touching the Divideing Bounds between them as the Same Are Discribed in our Charter of Incorporation for the Town of Salem aforesaid of the 11<sup>th</sup> of May in the 23<sup>d</sup> year of our reign which Said Disputes have Occasioned maney Petitions & Complaints from both Parties to our Governour & Council of our Said Province and whereas the Said Parties have Each of them at thier respective meetings regularly Warned for that end Agreed upon Voted & Desired an alteration in the Lines of the Said Town of Salem as the Same Are Discribed in the Charter aforesaid and have Exhibited the Votes of the Said Town & Parish respectively thereon together with a Plan of the Said Town of Salem with the Desired Alteration thereon Discribed and also requesting that all Such Persons who now Inhabit or hereafter Shall Inhabit on that Parte of Salem which heretofore was in the Parish of Windham or Paid Rates & Taxes there may have the Liberty to joyn with the Said Parish in Such affairs Only as relate to the minister & Ministry in Said Parish if they or any of them Shall See cause so to do—

Now Know Ye That as well for & in Consideration of the respective requests of the Town & Parish aforesaid as for Quieting the Said Parties & Putting a Stop to Any further Strife or Complaints Touching the Premises WE HAVE tho<sup>t</sup> fit by & with the Advice of our Trusty & wellbeloved BENNING WENTWORTH Esq our Governour & of our Council of our Said Province To ORDER & ORDAIN & Do by these Presents Order & ordain that in that Parte of the Bounds of the Said Town of Salem which Divides the Said Town & the Said Parish An Alteration Shall be made thus—Viz—begining at the White Oak mentioned in Salem Charter afore Said as Standing in an Angle of Londonderry Line from thence running South about five hundred & Twenty Six rods to Hitty Titty Pond So Calld Thence South Thirty two Degrees & one half

Degree West about four hundred rods to A Hemlock Tree Marked S: W Standing near the South West Angle of Pollicy Pond so Called from thence South forty Degrees West to a White

Pine Standing in Pelham Line thence by Pelham Line \*1-86 South Thirty four Degrees & one \*half Degree East to a

White Oak Standing in the Province Line and is a Boundary mentioned in the Charter afore Said Thence (without Any Alteration from the Bounds Mentioned in the Charter afore Said) by the Province Line as that runs till it comes to the Stake by the Captains Pond being the first bound Mentioned in the Charter aforesaid thence following the bounds mentioned in the Said Charter till it comes to the white Oak Standing in the Angle of London Derry Line being the bound Tree where the Alteration made began And that the Said Tract of Land Circumscribed within the Bounds Above mentioned as they Stand Altered from the Lines in the Charter afore Said Shall be & hereby are made the Bounds of the Town of Salem the former bounds in the Charter Above mentioned notwithstanding and the Inhabitants that now Are or hereafter Shall be Settled upon the Said Tract of Land & Such only Shall be Deemed & held to be the Inhabitants of Salem to all Intents & Purposes Excepting Such Inhabitants as now Are or hereafter Shall be upon that Parte of Salem which heretofore was Deemd Parte of Windham or that Paid Rates & Taxes there who Shall have the Liberty (if they See cause) to joyn with the Inhabitants of Windham in all matters & things which relate to the Minister or ministry in Said Parish and those only—Provided nevertheless that all those Inhabitants of Salem that Paid thier Province Tax to Windham Proportion Shall Continue So to Do till a New Proportion Shall be made or Some father order thereon Provided Also that All Such of the Present Inhabitants as Shall Desire to joyn in the above mentioned Particulars with the Inhabitants of Windham Shall within Six months from the Date hereof Signify Such their Desire under his her or their hands to the Select men of Salem and also to the Select men of Windham respectively & that All Such Persons as Shall hereafter become Inhabitants of the Said Tract Last mentioned Shall in the Same manner Signify thier Desire to both Setts of Select men afore Said within Six months after their first Enterence as Inhabitants there And when they have So don they Shall be & hereby Are Excluded from the Previledg of Voting in those affairs above mentioned with Salem & Shall be & hereby Are Exempted from Any Rates or Taxes that Shall be Laid for the Support of the



Minister or Ministry as Afore Said in the Said Town And Shall Enjoy the Previledge of Voteing with & be Obleidged to Do the \*Duty that Other the Inhabitants in Windham do \*1-87 Enjoy or Are Obleidged to do in relation to the minister or Ministry as Afore Said—

Of All Which All Persons Concerned Are to take Notice of And Govern them Selves Accordingly—

In Testimoney whereof We have Caused the Publick Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto Affixed Wittness Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Comander in Chieff of our Said Province the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of Jan<sup>ry</sup> in the year of our Lord Christ 1752 & in the 25<sup>th</sup> year of our reign

B Wentworth

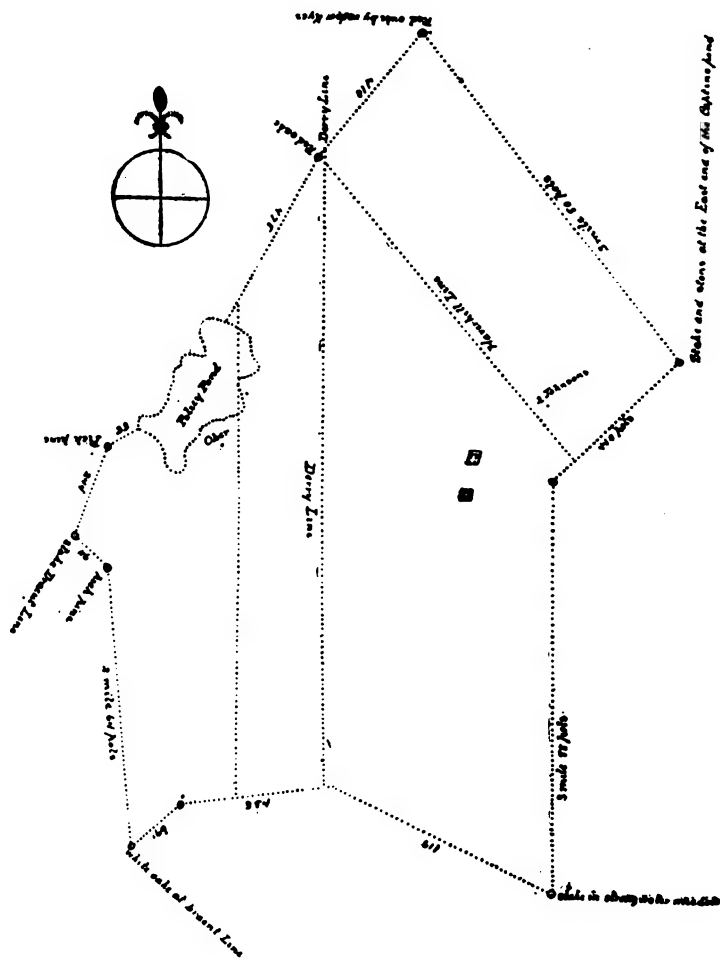
By his Excelencys Comand  
with advice a Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Entred & recorded According to the Original under the Province Seal this Ninth Day of Jan<sup>ry</sup> 1752—

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 190.]



## SALISBURY.

[Granted by Massachusetts, February 3, 1736-7, and called *Baker's-town*. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, October 25, 1749, to Ebenezer Stevens and others, and called *Stevens-town*. Also called at times, *Gerrish-town* and *New Salisbury*. Incorporated as Salisbury, March 1, 1768. A tract of land from the east part of the town was combined with portions of Andover, Northfield, and Sanbornton, and incorporated as Franklin, December 24, 1828. A part of Franklin was annexed to Salisbury, July 7, 1869.

See Massachusetts charters preceding and Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 753; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 381; Index to Laws, 486, 522; Topographical and Historical Sketch, by M. Eastman, 3, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 296; History, collated by John J. Dearborn, edited by James O. Adams and Henry P. Rolfe, 1890, pp. 888; sketch by J. J. Dearborn, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 602; Life of Daniel Webster, by George Ticknor Curtis, 1889; Reminiscences of Daniel Webster, by Peter Harvey; Letters Explanatory of Difficulties Existing in the Baptist Church, 1827; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 252; Baptist Churches in New Hampshire, by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 7, 12, 15; Lawrence's New Hampshire Churches, 1856, p. 409.]

## [SALISBURY INCORPORATED, 1768.]

\*Province of New Hampshire

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GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith & so forth

To ALL to whom these Presents shall come  
Salisbury. GREETING

WHEREAS Our loyal Subjects Inhabitants of a tract of land within our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid known by the name of STEPHENS TOWN lying between Boscawen on the East & New Briton (so called) on the West, & contains by estimation Six miles Square. Have Humbly Petitioned & Requested us that they may be erected & Incorporated into a Township & enfranchized with the same Powers and Privileges which other Towns within our said Province by law have & enjoy & it appearing unto us to be Conducive to the general good of our said Province as well as of the said Inhabitants in particular by maintaining good order & encouraging the Culture of the land that the same should be done, KNOW YE therefore, that We of our especial Grace certain Knowledge & for the encouragement & promoting the good purposes and ends aforesaid (by and with the Advice of our trusty and well-beloved JOHN

WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Gov<sup>r</sup> and Comm<sup>r</sup> in Cheif & of our Council for said Province of New Hampshire) HAVE erected & ordained & by these Presents for us our heirs and successors do will & ordain that the Inhab<sup>ts</sup> of the Tract of land aforesaid & others who shall Inhabit and improve thereon hereafter, the same being butted & bounded as follows (viz "begining at a white oak tree standing on the bank of Merrimac river six rods southerly from a deep Gutter runing into the River said tree being marked on four sides, thence runing West 17<sup>th</sup> S<sup>o</sup> nine miles, then begining again at the river at the said White oak & runing upon the River Northerly about a mile above the crotch upon Pemigewasset river to a large rock in the bank of the River at the head of Pemigewasset Great falls, thence runing West 15<sup>th</sup> South nine miles, thence on a strait line from the westerly end of this line, to the Westerly end of the line first mention'd" be & hereby are declared & ordained to be a

\*1-302 Town Corporate, & are hereby erected \* & incorporated into a body Politic & Corporate to have Continuance during our Pleasure by the name of SALISBURY, with all the Powers & Authorities, Privileges, Immunities & franchises which any other Towns in said Province by law hold & enjoy to the said Inhab<sup>ts</sup> or who shall hereafter Inhabit there & their Successors for said Term always reserving to us our heirs and Successors all WHITE PINE trees that are or shall be found growing & being on the said Tract of Land fit for the use of our ROYAL NAVY reserving also to us our heirs & Successors the Power & Right of dividing said Town when it shall appear necessary and Convenient for the Inhab<sup>ts</sup> thereof. PROVIDED nevertheless & 'tis hereby declared that this Charter & Grant is not intended & shall not in any manner be Construed to affect the Private Property of the Soil within the limits aforesaid & as the several Towns within our said Province are by the laws thereof enabled & Authorized to Assemble & by the Majority of the voters present to chuse all such Officers and transact such affairs as in the said laws are declared—WE DO by these Presents, nominate & Appoint CAP<sup>t</sup> JN<sup>o</sup> WEBSTER Esq<sup>r</sup> to call the first meeting of said Inhab<sup>ts</sup> to be held within the said Town at any time within Fifty days from the date hereof giving legal notice of the time & design of holding such meet<sup>gs</sup> after which the Annual meeting in said Town shall be held for the choice of said Officers & the Purposes aforesaid on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of March annually.

IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caus'd the Seal of our said Prov<sup>ce</sup> to be hereunto affixed, Witness Our aforesaid Gov<sup>r</sup> & Comm<sup>r</sup> in Cheif this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March in the 8<sup>th</sup> year of our Reign & in the year of Our Lord Christ 1768

J: Wentworth

By his Excellencys Com'and with advice of Council  
 T: Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>  
 Province of New Hampshire  
 Recorded from the Original Charter this 1<sup>st</sup> March 1768  
 Attest: T: Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>ry</sup>

## SANBORNTON.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, December 31, 1748, to John Sanborn of Hampton, and others, and called *Sanborntown*. This territory was previously mentioned as *First Township*. Incorporated as Sanbornton March 1, 1770. Sanbornton Bridge was set off and incorporated as Tilton, June 30, 1869. Part of Tilton was annexed to Sanbornton, July 1, 1870, and parts of Sanbornton were annexed to Tilton July 1, 1870, and July 3, 1872.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 755; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 392; Index to Laws, 488; Historical Sketch, 3, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 351; sketch, Hurd's History of Belknap County, 1885, p. 893; History, by M. T. Runnels, two volumes, 1881-'82; Acts of the Anti-Slavery Apostles, by Parker Pillsbury, 1883, p. 105; Baptist Churches in New Hampshire, by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 9, 18, 22; Lawrence's New Hampshire Churches, 1856, p. 507.]

## [SANBORNTON INCORPORATED, 1770.]

\*Province of New Hampshire

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{ Sanbornton } GEORGE the THIRD by the grace of GOD of  
 { Incorporat<sup>d</sup> } great Britain France and Ireland KING defender  
 of the faith and so forth.

{ L. S. }

TO ALL People to whom these Presents shall come  
 GREETING.

WHEREAS our Loyal Subjects Inhabitants of a Tract of Land within our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid known by the Name of Sanborn Town containing by estimation six Miles square, have humbly Petition<sup>d</sup> and requested us that they may be Erected and Incorporated into a Township and enfranchised with the same Powers and Privileges which other Towns within our said Province by Law have and Enjoy, and it appearing unto us to be conducive to the general good of our said Province

\*as well as of the said Inhabitants in particular by main- \*1-366  
 taining good Order and encouraging the Culture of the  
 Land—that the same should be done—KNOW YE that we of our

special Grace certain knowledge and for the encouragement & promotion of the good Purposes and Ends aforesaid (by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> Our Governor and Commander in Chief, and of our Council of the same,) HAVE Erected and Ordained & by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors do will and Ordain that the Inhab<sup>ts</sup> of the aforesaid Tract of Land and others who shall Improve and Inhabit thereon hereafter, the same being butted and bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at a hemlock Tree standing by the great Bay of Winnepesiokee River marked with the Letter B, and several other Letters and the date of the year 1748, and spotted on four sides, then running North sixty five degrees West to a beech tree, Six Miles, marked on four Sides, then running South sixty five degrees West to Pemigewasset River, then running as said River runs bounding on the same to the crotch made by said Rivers, thence Easterly up Winnepesiokee River to the Bay aforesaid, then by said Bay to the Tree first Bounds mentioned where it begins. BE and they are hereby declared to be a Town Corporate and are hereby Erected & Incorporated into a body Politick and corporate to have Continuance for Ever by the Name of Sanbornton with all the Powers & Authorities, Priviledges Immunities and Franchises which any other Towns in said Province by Law hold and Enjoy, to the said Inhab<sup>ts</sup> or those who shall hereafter Inhabit there and to their Successors for Ever. Always reserving to us our heirs and Successors all white pine Trees that are or shall be found being and growing on the said Tract of Land fit for the use of our Royal Navy; reserving also to us our heirs and Successors the Power & Right of Dividing said Town, when it shall appear necessary and convenient for the Inhab<sup>ts</sup> thereof —Provided nevertheless and 'tis hereby Declared that this Charter and grant is not intended and shall not in any manner be construed to affect the private property of the Soil within the limits aforesaid And as the several Towns within our said Province are by the Laws thereof enabled and authorized to assemble and by the majority of the Voters present—to chuse all such Officers and trans-

\*1-367 act such Affairs \*as in the said Laws are Declared We do by these Presents nominate and appoint DANIEL SANBORN to call the first meeting of said Inhab<sup>ts</sup> to be held within the said Town at any time within seventy days from the date hereof giving legal notice of the Time & design of holding such Meeting, after which the annual meeting in said Town shall be held for the Choice of said Officers and the Purposes aforesaid on the last Tuesday in March annually.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Prov-

ince to be hereunto affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our  
aforesaid Gov<sup>r</sup> and Commander in Chief the First day of March in  
the Tenth year of our Reign Anno: Domini 1770.

J<sup>r</sup> Wentworth

By his Excellency's Command  
with advice of Council

Theo: Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Province of New Hampshire 1<sup>st</sup> March 1770

Recorded accord<sup>s</sup> to the Original under the Province Seal.

Att<sup>r</sup> Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

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SANDOWN.

[Set off from Kingston and incorporated as a parish April 6, 1756.

See papers under title Kingston; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 404; Index to  
Laws, 489; sketch, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 484; Law-  
rence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 132.

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[SANDOWN INCORPORATED AS A PARISH, 1756.]

\*Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>

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Sandown

George the Second by the Grace of God of Great  
Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith  
&c<sup>a</sup>

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To all People to whom these Presents Shall come  
Greeting

Whereas Sundry of our Loyal Subjects Inhabitants of A Tract of  
Land within the Antient Boundarys of a Town called Kingstown in  
our Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> on the Westerly End of the Said  
Kingstown herein after discribed have humbly Petitioned & Re-  
quested of us that they may be Incorporated into a Parish and  
Infranchised with the Same Powers Authoritys & Previlidges  
which other Parishes within our Said Province by Law have &  
Enjoy & it appearing to us to be Conducive to the Gen<sup>l</sup> Good of our  
Said Province as well as of the Said Inhabitants in Particular by  
maintaining good order and Encouraging the Culture of the Land  
that the Same Should be done

Know Ye therefore that we of our Special Grace Certain  
Knowledge & for the Encouragement & Promoting the good Pur-  
poses & Ends aforesaid by & with the advice of our Trusty &

well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Comander in Chieff and of our Council for Said Province have Errected Incorporated & ordaind and by these Presents for us our heirs & Successors do will & ordain that the Inhabitants of the Tract of Land aforesaid Bounded as follows Viz) Begining at Chester Bridge so Called on the West end thereof then Running North to a White Pine on or Near Exeter line then Begining again at Said Bridge runing a South point by the Needle to A great Cragged Rock with a Poplar Tree on said Rock marked on four Sides being near the Line Called Hamstead Line thence running upon Said Hamstead Line to A Great white Oak Tree marked which Tree Stands upon Londonderry line thence by a beach Tree Standing upon Londerry & Chester Corner along upon Chester line to a white Pine Tree marked Standing upon the North West Corner of old Kingstown & from said white Tree runing upon Exeter Line to the Bounds first mentioned And that Shall Inhabit the Same Be & by these Presents Are Declared & ordred to be A Parish & Are hereby Errected & Incorporated into a Body Politick & A Corporation to have Continuence for ever by the Name of Sandown with all the Previlidges Powers Authoritys Im'unities & Francizes to them the Said Inhabitants & their Successors for ever—Always Reserving to us our heirs & Successors all white Pine trees growing & being & that Shall hereafter grow & be on the Said Tract of Land fit for the use of our Royal Navy reserving also the Power of Dividing the said Parish to us our heirs & Successors when it Shall appear Necessary & Convenient for

the Benefit of the Inhabitants thereof and as the Several  
 \*1-212 \*Parishes within our said Province Are by Laws thereof Enabled & Authorized to Assemble & by the Majority of Votes to Choose all Such officers as Are mentioned in the Said Laws we Do by these Presents Nominate & Appoint Coll Ebenezer Stevens to Call the first Meeting of the Said Inhabitants to be holden within the Said Town at Any Time within Twenty Days from the Date hereof Giveing Legal Notice of the Time Place & Design of Holding Such meeting

In Testimony whereof We have Caused the Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Comander in Chieff of our Said Province the Sixth Day of April in the Year of our Lord Christ one thousand Seven hundred & fifty Six & in the Twenty ninth year of our reign  
 B Wentworth

Recorded According to the Original Charter under the Province Seal this 6<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1756—

Ⓣ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>



## SANDWICH.

[Granted Oct. 25, 1763, to Samuel Gilman, Jr., and others, and incorporated. Part of the town being mountainous and rocky, Sandwich Addition was granted Sept. 5, 1764. A committee was appointed Feb. 22, 1785, to fix the lines between Sandwich, Tamworth, and Moultonborough. Another committee was appointed Dec. 23, 1808, to establish the lines between Sandwich, Tamworth, Eaton, and Albany. The committee reported in favor of no change and the report was adopted. A small part of Waterville was annexed July 16, 1864.]

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 410; Index to Laws, 490; sketch, Fergusson's History of Carroll County, 1889, p. 644; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 162; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 587, 590; Stevens's Memorials of Methodism, 2d series, 1852, p. 240; Black Mountain, by C. E. Fay, 1, Appalachia, 119.]

## [SANDWICH CHARTER, 1763.]

\*Province of New-Hampshire.

\*3-70

Sandwich

GEORGE THE THIRD,

{ L. S. }

By the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.*

KNOW Ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, in *New-England*, and of Our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy two equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, 28040 Acres, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's

Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Begining at the North East Corner of New Holderness & from thence Runing East Six Miles then turning off & runing North Six Miles, then turning off again & Runing West, Six Miles, then turning off & runing South to the North East Corner of Campton, then by Campton to the North East Corner of New Holderness the Bounds begun at And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Sandwich And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchised with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on

the annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said

and that as soon as the said Town shall \*3-71 consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be \*opened and kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the which said Meeting shall be Notified by Samuel Gilman J<sup>r</sup> Esq who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing

first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*. 1768

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1773 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth* or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of October In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty three And in the Fourth Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,  
With Advice of COUNCIL,  
T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

Prov<sup>o</sup> of New Hamps<sup>r</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 25. 1763

Recorded According to the Oregional Charter under the Prov<sup>o</sup>  
Seal—

Ⓢ T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

## \*3-72 The Names of the Grantees of Sandwich (Viz)

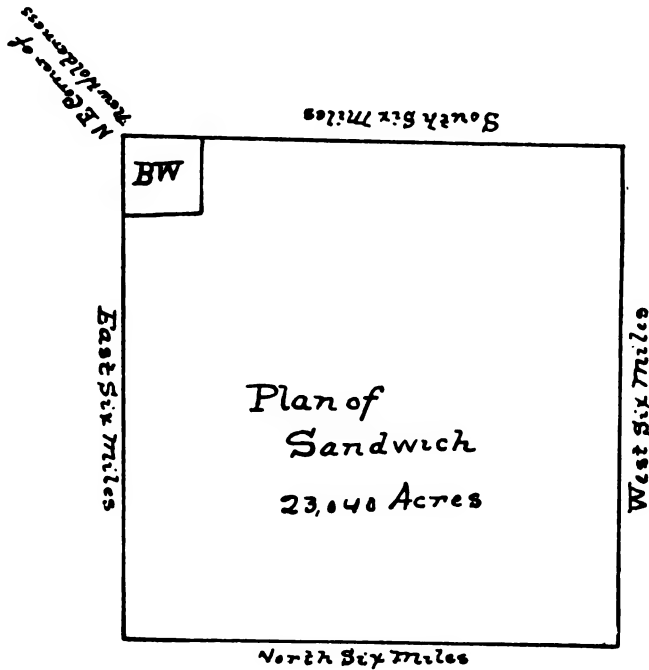
Sam <sup>l</sup> Gilman Jun Esq.	Peter Coffin	Owen Runolds
Capt. Nat <sup>l</sup> Folsom	James Thurstin	Benj <sup>a</sup> Atkinson
Thomas Parsons	Nath <sup>l</sup> Folsom Jun <sup>r</sup>	Joseph Atkinson
Capt Sam <sup>l</sup> Folsom	Jon <sup>a</sup> Folsom Jun <sup>r</sup>	Eben <sup>r</sup> Ingals
Enoch Poor	John Chipman Esq	Daniel Gilman 3 <sup>d</sup>
Thomas Odiorne	Eliphalet Coffin	Capt Somerbee Gilman
Nicholas Gillman	John Wadly	John Bowden
John Folsom	Moses Perkins	John Taylor Gillman
Joseph Gilman	Jon <sup>a</sup> Folsom	Thomas Potter
Benj <sup>a</sup> Rogers	Rich <sup>d</sup> Sinkler	Joseph Roberts
Josiah Folsom	James Sinkler	Joshua Young
John Bowden Jun <sup>r</sup>	John Nelson	Moses Thurstin
John Ward Gilman	Andrew Hilton	Benj <sup>a</sup> Batchelder
Sachwell Rundlett	Enoch Clark	Nath <sup>l</sup> Batchelder
Sam <sup>l</sup> Harris	Caleb Thurstin	Daniel Poor
John Folsom Jun <sup>r</sup>	Increase Wilson	Hon. Theo. Atkinson
Josiah Gilman 3 <sup>d</sup>	Samuel Moody Mark	Hu <sup>s</sup> Wentworth
Lemuel Davis	Jacob Longfellow	Nath <sup>l</sup> Barrell
Trueworthy Folsom	Clement Moody	James Nevin
John Folsom 3 <sup>d</sup>	Edward Bean	Coll <sup>o</sup> Rob <sup>t</sup> Hale
Andrew Gerrish	Wadley Cram	Rev <sup>d</sup> M <sup>r</sup> John Chipman
William Odlin	Thomas Runolds	Nehemiah Cram

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq. a Tract of Land to Contain five Hundred Acres as marked B W in the Plan which is to be Accounted two of the within Shares. One whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts, One Share for a Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Establish'd, One Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel & One share for the benefit of a School in said Town

Province of New Hamps<sup>r</sup> Octo 25, 1763

Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter of Sandwich under the Prov<sup>o</sup> Seal.

Ⓢ T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>r</sup>



Province of New Hamps<sup>r</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1763  
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W<sup>m</sup> T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

[SANDWICH ADDITION, 1764.]

\*Province of New Hampshire

\*1-270

Sandwich

{ P 8 }

WHEREAS We by our Letters Patent or Charter dated the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October last, by & with the Advice of our Governor & Council of our said Province did grant unto sundry of our Loving Subjects whose Names are Entered on the back of the said Patent or Charter, under sundry Conditions & limitations therein mentioned; A Certain tract of Land containing about Six Miles Square, and Incorporated the

same into a body Politick or Corporation by the Name of Sandwich, and bounded as in the said Patent or Charter is particularly set down & described—And Whereas the said Patentees have been at the Expence of viewing & surveying the Premises find the Northerly & Westerly sides thereof, so loaded with inaccessible Mountains & Shelves of Rocks that it is uninhabitable—Wherefore The said Grantees have Petitioned, that they may have an Additional Grant of a Strip of His Majesty's Land on the South & on the East of the aforesaid Tract, and that the same may be granted to the said Patentees as an Addition to the said tract or Township and made part thereof to all Intents & purposes as the the same had been Circumscrib'd, delineated & granted in the afores<sup>d</sup> Patent or Charter, and it appearing to us that the above is a Reasonable Request, and to Answer the end proposed;—KNOW YEE that We of our Special Grace, certain Knowledge & mere motion for the due encouragement of the settling the above Plantation within our Province of New Hampshire afores<sup>d</sup> have by & with the Advice of our trusty & well beloved BENNING WENTWORTH Esquire, our Governor & Commander in Cheif of our said Province, & of our Council of s<sup>d</sup> Province, And by these Presents do for us, our Heirs & Successors give & grant unto

\*1-271 our said Loving Subjects whose Names \*are entered on the back of the Patent or Charter of Sandwich afores<sup>d</sup> to be Subject notwithstanding to the same Conditions Penalties & Forfeitures, also to be subject to the same division & management as it would have been had it been Included in the beforemention'd Patent, To say the following Tract or Tracts of Land. Viz: Begining at the South Westerly corner of the aforesaid Tract of Land granted by the Name of Sandwich, & from thence Runs South one Mile untill it comes to, (or upon a line with) the Northerly side line of a Tract of Land called PALMERS TOWN, or NEW SALEM in that case to stop in a shorter Measure; then runing East between the afores<sup>d</sup> Tract called SANDWICH & the said PALMERS TOWN eight Miles, then turning off & runing North Seven Miles, then turning off again at right angles, & runs West two Miles, to the North Easterly corner of the aforesaid Tract called SANDWICH,

To have & to Hold the aforesaid Tract of Land as above Express'd, together with all Priviledges and Appurtenances to them and their Respective Heirs & Assigns forever, upon the same Conditions & Reservations as is mention'd in the Patent or Charter aforesaid—

IN TESTIMONY Whereof, we have Caused the seal of our said Province to be hereunto Affixed, Witness Benning Wentworth Esquire our Governor & Commander in Cheif of our said Province, the 5<sup>th</sup> day

of September, in the Year of our LORD CHRIST One Thous<sup>d</sup> Seven  
Hundred & sixty four & in the fourth Year of Reign—

B Wentworth

By His Excell<sup>ys</sup> Command  
with Advice of Council

T : Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Province of New Hampshire Sept<sup>r</sup> 5, 1764, Recorded According to  
the Original Charter under the Province Seal—

¶ T Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>ry</sup>

## SEABROOK.

[Originally a part of Hampton, and was included in the limits of Hampton Falls. Set off from Hampton Falls and incorporated as a parish by its present name June 3, 1768. A small tract of land was severed from Hampton Falls and annexed to Seabrook Dec. 7, 1816. The western boundary line was established June 26, 1822, and a portion of South Hampton declared within the jurisdiction of Seabrook.

See papers under titles Hampton and Hampton Falls; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 420; Index to Laws, 496; sketch, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 485; History of Baptist Churches of Seabrook and Hampton Falls, discourses, 1875, by H. H. Beaman, 1876, pp. 35; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 133, 134; Inscriptions, by J. W. Thornton, 27, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 60.]

## SHELBURNE.

[Granted May 3, 1769, to Mark Hunking Wentworth, Daniel Peirce, Daniel Rogers, and John, Daniel, Isaac, and Jotham Rindge. Regranted with an addition, to the same men Nov. 21, 1770. Incorporated as Shelburne Dec. 13, 1820. Shelburne Addition was incorporated by the name of Gorham June 18, 1836.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 758; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 424; Index to Laws, 501; History, by Mrs. R. P. Peabody, pp. 127; sketch, Ferguson's History of Coös County, 1888, p. 867; Willey's History of the White Mountains, 1870, p. 245; The White Mountains, A Guide to Their Interpretation by J. H. Ward, 1890, p. 100; Shelburne Moriah, by E. B. Cook, 3, Appalachia, 259; Baldcap Mountain, by Mrs. L. D. and M. M. Pychowska, 2, *id.*, 121; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 608.]

## [SHELBURNE CHARTER, 1769.]

\*4-14 \*Province of New Hampshire (Shelburne.) } GEORGE THE THIRD by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c\*

KNOW YE that we of our special grace, certain knowledge & mere motion for the due encouragement of settling a New Plantation within our said Province, by and with the advice of our Trusty and well-beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New Hampshire in New England, and of our Council of the said Province HAVE upon the Conditions and reservations herein after made, given and granted & by these presents for us our heirs and Successors do give and grant in equal Shares unto our Loving Subjects Inhabitants of our said Province of New Hamps<sup>r</sup> who have Petitioned us for the same setting forth their readiness to make immediate Settlement, and to their heirs and Assigns for Ever whose Names are enter'd on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into SEVEN Equal Shares, all that Tract or parcel of Land, Situate, lying and being within our said Province of New Hampshire containing by admeasurement Twenty three thousand & forty Acres and is to contain Six miles square out of which an allowance is to be made for Highways and unimproveable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers One thousand & forty Acres free according to a Plan & Survey thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General by our said Governor's Order and returned into the Secretary's Office a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows viz<sup>t</sup> Begining at a Hemlock Tree marked standing in the Province Line about three Quarters of a mile South of little Amoroscogin River, and from said Hemlock runs North Eight degrees East by the Needle on the Province Line Six miles to a Maple Tree marked and Standing in the Province line aforesaid, then turning off at right Angles and running North Eighty two degrees West six miles to a beech tree marked, then turning off at Right Angles and running South Eight degrees West six miles to a Red birch tree marked, then turning off again at

\*4-15 \*right Angles and runs South Eighty two degrees East six miles to the Hemlock Tree in the Province Line began at. TO HAVE & TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above express'd together with all Priviledges and Appurtenances to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns for Ever by the name of SHELBURNE upon the following Conditions viz<sup>t</sup>. FIRST. That the Grantees at their own Cost shall cut, clear bridge and make passable for Carriages of all kinds a Road of four Rods wide thro' the said tract



hereby Granted, and this to be completed within two years from the date of this Grant, on failure of which the Premises and every part thereof shall be forfeited & revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them reenter'd upon and regranted to any of our loving Subjects SECOND—That the said Grantees shall settle or cause to be settled TWELVE Families by the first day of March 1774, who shall be actually Cultivating some part of the land and resident thereon, and to continue making further and additional Improvement, Cultivation and Settlement of the Premises so that there shall be actually settled and resident thereon Sixty families by the first day of March 1779, on penalty of the forfeiture of such delinquent's Share and of such Share's reverting to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon and regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually Settle and Cultivate the same. THIRD That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township fit for masting our Royal Navy, be carefully preserv'd for that use and none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had and obtain'd, upon the penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee his Heirs & Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors, as well as being Subject to the penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are or hereafter shall be Enacted. FOURTH That before any division of the land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the centre of the said Township as the land will admit of, shall be reserv'd and mark'd out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre. FIFTH Yielding and paying therefor to us our Heirs and Successors on or before the first \*day of March 1770, One Ear of Indian \*4-16 Corn only, if lawfully demanded. SIXTH—That every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant shall Yield and pay unto us our Heirs and Successors yearly and every Year for Ever from and after the expiration of one Year from the abovesaid first day of March, namely on the first day of March which will be in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven Hundred and Eighty, one Shilling Proclamation money for every hundred Acres he so owns, Settles or Possesses, and so in proportion for a greater or Lesser Tract of the said Land, which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsm<sup>o</sup> or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same, & this to be in lieu of all other rents and Services whatsoever.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have Caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. WITNESS JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province the 3<sup>d</sup> day of May in the 9<sup>th</sup> year of our Reign, & in the year of our Lord Christ 1769.

J<sup>r</sup> Wentworth.

By his Excellency's Command  
with advice of Council—

T: Atkinson J<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Recorded according to the Original Charter of Shelburne ye 3<sup>d</sup>  
May 1769

W Geo: King D Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Names of the Grantees of the Township of Shelburne viz:

Mark Hunking Wentworth

Daniel Pierce

Daniel Rogers

John Rindge

Daniel Rindge

Isaac Rindge

Jotham Rindge

One right of 300 Acres for a Glebe for the Church of England, by  
Law establish'd.

Province of New Hampshire 3<sup>d</sup> May 1769.

Recorded from the Original Schedule ent<sup>d</sup> on the Charter of Shel-  
burne

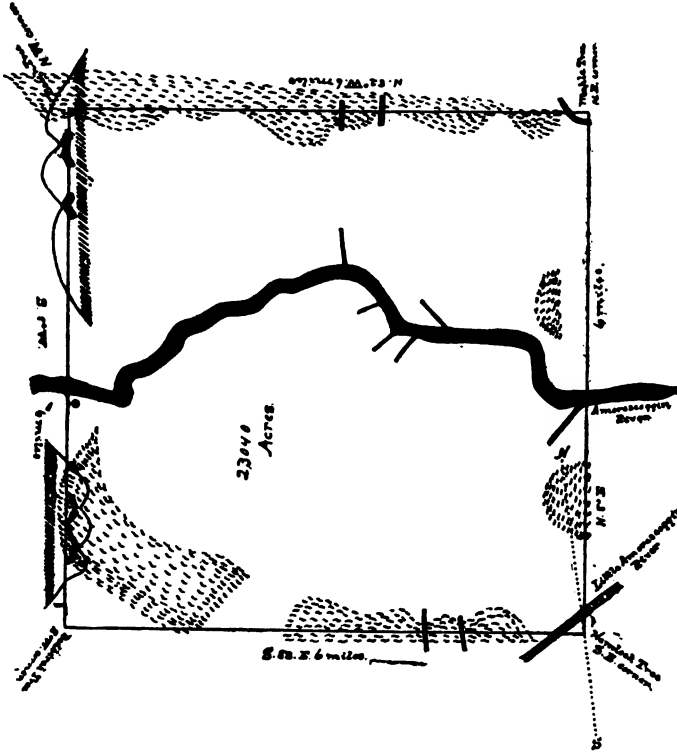
[L. S.]

Att<sup>ty</sup> Geo: King D Sec<sup>ry</sup>

\*4-17 \*Province of New Hampshire Portsm<sup>o</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> May 1769.

These Certify that this plan of SHELburne is a True Copy  
of an Original Plan or Survey of said Township as taken & returned  
to me by Cap<sup>t</sup> Hurbartis Neal Dep<sup>y</sup> Surv<sup>r</sup>

Attest: W: Is: Rindge S. G<sup>l</sup>—.



[SHELBURNE REGRANT WITH ADDITION, 1770.]

\*Province of } GEORGE the THIRD by the grace of \*4-51  
 New Hampshire } God of Great Britain France and Ire-  
 (SHELBURNE.) } land KING Defender of the Faith & so  
 forth.

WHEREAS we did by our Royal Charter under the Seal of our said Province of New Hampshire dated the Third day of May in the 9<sup>th</sup> year of our Reign grant to Seven of our loving Subjects, whose Names are Enter'd thereon, agreeable to their Petition for the same, a Tract of Land within the limits of our said Province of the Contents of Six miles square by the name of SHELBURNE under several Conditions and reservations therein particularly express'd as by reference to the same will at large appear and whereas it hath been

represented unto us by the said Grantees, that upon a critical search and Survey of said Tract, as bounded in the said Grant or Charter, it appeared that the greatest part thereof was so interspersed with Mountains, unimproveable Lands and Waters, that it will not accomodate near the number of Inhabitants that are by the Conditions of the said Charter to be settled and resident on the said Land; which appearing to be matter of Fact; and the said Grantees having petitioned for our further and additional grant to the Premises, contiguous thereto according to a plan presented; and that the settling and cultivating that part of our said Province (which induced us to make the said first Grant) may not be frustrated, but duly carried into Execution: KNOW YE, that we of our special grace certain knowledge and mere motion for the due encouragement of settling a new Plantation within our said Province as aforesaid, by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province of New Hampshire and of our Council of the said Province Have upon the Conditions and reservations herein after made given and granted and by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors do give and grant in equal Shares unto our loving Subjects Inhabitants of our said Province of New Hampshire, who have Petitioned us, setting forth as above recited, and also, their readiness to settle and improve the Premises immediately; and to their Heirs and Assigns for Ever, whose Names are enter'd on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into seven equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province containing by admeasurement Forty thousand acres, being something more than Six miles square, out of which an allowance is to be made for highways and unimproveable Lands by rocks, ponds, mountains and rivers Two thousand and Eight hundred Acres free, according to a plan or Survey thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said

\*4-52 \*Province by our said Governor's Order and returned into the Secretary's Office of our said Province, a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows (including the aforesaid Tract, called and known by the name of SHELBURNE) Viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at an hemlock Tree standing in the East Boundary line of our said Province and running North Eight degrees East on said Line to a Maple Tree six miles, from thence North Eighty two degrees West Six miles to a beech Tree, from thence North Eight degrees East Two hundred rods to a Spruce Tree, from thence North Eighty Two degrees West four miles to a Red Birch Tree, from thence South Eight degrees West Six miles and Two hundred rods

to a red Birch Tree, from thence South Eighty two degrees East Ten miles to the bounds began at. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed together with all the Priviledges and Appurtenances to them the said Grantees and to their respective heirs and assigns for Ever, by the Name of Shelburne, upon the following Conditions Vidilicet.

FIRST That the Grantees at their own cost shall cut, clear, and make passable for Carriages of all kinds a road of Four rods wide thro' the said Tract hereby granted and this to be completed within Two years from the date of this Grant in failure of which the Premises and every part thereof shall be forfeited and revert to us our heirs and Successors to be by us or them reentered upon and regranted to any of our loving Subjects.

SECOND That the said Grantees shall settle or cause to be settled Twelve Families by the first day of March 1774 who shall be actually cultivating some part of the Land and resident thereon, and to continue making further and additional cultivation & settlement of the Premises so that there shall be actually settled and resident thereon Sixty Families by the first day of March 1779 on penalty of the forfeiture of such delinquent's share and of such Share's reverting to us our heirs and Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon and regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

THIRD That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township fit for masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use and none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained upon the penalty of the forfeiture of the right of such Grantee his heirs and Assigns to us our heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the penalty of any Act\* or Acts of Parliament that now are or hereafter shall \*4-53 be Enacted:

FOURTH That before any division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees a Tract of Land as near the centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

FIFTH Yielding and paying therefor to us our heirs and Successors on or before the First day of March 1771 the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded.

SIXTH That every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant shall yield and pay unto us our heirs and Successors yearly and every year for Ever from and after the expiration of one year from the aforesaid First day of March namely on the first day of March which will be

in the year of our Lord Christ One thousand seven hundred and Eighty, ONE SHILLING Proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses and so in proportion for a greater or lesser tract of the said Land, which money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid their heirs or Assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same, and these to be in lieu of all other Rents and services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness John Wentworth Esquire our Gov<sup>r</sup> & Commander in Chief aforesaid the 21<sup>st</sup> day of Novem<sup>r</sup> in the Eleventh year of our Reign & in the year of our Lord Christ 1770.

By his Excellency's Command }  
with advice of Council }  
Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

J' [L S] Wentworth.

Province of New } Jan<sup>y</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1771  
Hampshire } Enter'd and Recorded according to the Original Charter of Shelburne under the Province Seal.

Att<sup>r</sup> Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

The Names of the Grantees of Shelburne.

Mark Hunking Wentworth	Daniel Peirce	Daniel Rogers
John Rindge	Dan <sup>l</sup> Rindge	Isaac Rindge
Jotham Rindge		

One Right of 300 Acres for a glebe for the Church of England as by Law established.

Recorded as above

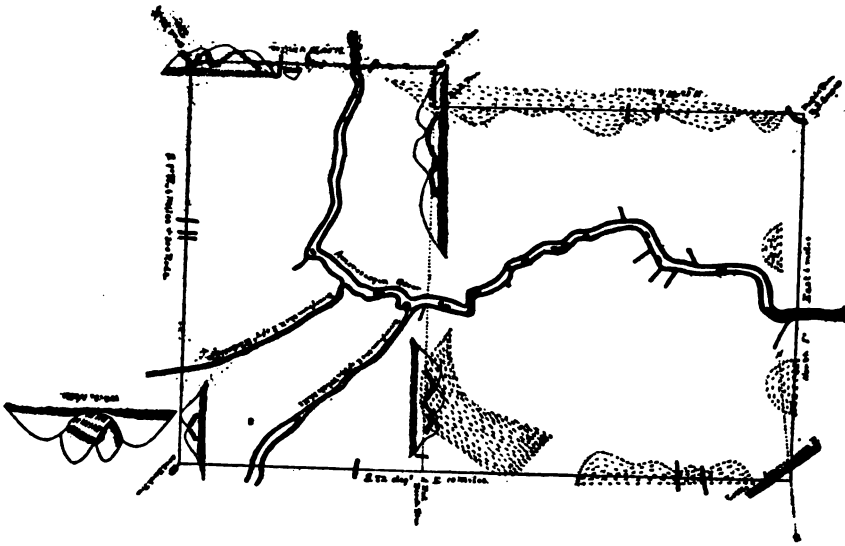
Att<sup>r</sup> Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

\*Province of New Hampshire 17<sup>th</sup> November 1770.

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These Certify that this Plan of Shelburne on Amorescogin River Beginning at a hemlock Tree standing in the East Boundary Line of said Province & run<sup>s</sup> N. 8° E. 6 Miles on said Line to a Maple Tree, from thence N. 82° W. to a Beech Tree 6 miles, from thence N. 8° E. 200 Rods to a Spruce Tree, from thence N. 82° W. 4 miles to a Red Birch Tree, from thence S. 8° W. 6 Miles & 200 Rods to a Red Birch Tree from thence S. 82° E. 10 Miles to the Bounds began at. Contains 40,000 Acres of Land & is a true Copy of an original Plan or Survey of said Tract or Township as taken & returned to me by Cap<sup>t</sup> Hubartis Neal D<sup>y</sup> Surveyor.

Attest<sup>r</sup> Is : Rindge S<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>



## SOUTH HAMPTON.

[Constituted from parts of Amesbury and Salisbury, Mass., and incorporated May 25, 1742. The east part of the town was annexed to Hampton Falls Dec. 4, 1742. The estates of thirty men were set off to Newton March 22, 1749. The line between South Hampton and Newton was established Jan. 4, 1772. A tract of land was severed from East Kingston and annexed to South Hampton Nov. 30, 1824.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 763; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 434; Index to Laws, 511; sketch, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 515; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 21; Religious History, by B. R. Jewell, 1880, pp. 84; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 135.]

[SOUTH HAMPTON INCORPORATED, 1742.]

\*PROVINCE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

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<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; width: 40px; height: 40px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin: 0 auto;"> L: P: S </div>	<p>George the Second by the Grace of God of Great  Brittain France &amp; Ireland King Defender of the faith &amp;<sup>a</sup>  To all to whom these Presents Shall Come Greeting—  Know ye that we at the Humble Suit And Petition of  Sundry of our Lidge Subjects Inhabiting a Tract of  Land within our Province of New Hampshire in New Eng-</p>
South Hampton	

land as herein hereafter Discribed, Butted & bounded, bordering on the northern boundary Curve Line of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, to be Incorporated into A Distinct Parish have for divers good causes & Considerations as Moving Granted & Confirmed to the Said Inhabitants & their Successors, And by these Presents of Our Special Grace certain knowledge and mere motion for the well ording & Regulating the affairs of the s<sup>d</sup> Parish Do grant & Confirm, unto the s<sup>d</sup> Inhabitants & their Successors to be a Town or Parish Incorporate by the name of South Hampton within the Bounds following Viz Beginning at the Atlantick Sea or Ocean on the East at the Distance of Three Miles North of the mouth of the River Merrimack & from thence to run Notherly to the Bounds of that Part of the Town of Hampton Called Hampton ffalls & thence Westerly Pursueing the Bounds of the S<sup>d</sup> Parish of Hampton ffalls to the Parishes of Kensington & Kingston as has been reputed to have been heretofore agreed upon between the s<sup>d</sup> Towns & Salisbury & Almsbury & Kingston 'till it meets A white pine Stump in A Line com'only calld Shapleys Line & from S<sup>d</sup> White Pine Stump Due South two miles & one Quarter of A Mile 'till it meets A Stake in Mitchells Line that Stands in a hollow or Vale at the North End of a road & on the Easterly Side of the S<sup>d</sup> road that Leads from Almsbury A Cross the Childrens Land (So called) S<sup>d</sup> Stake Stands Three miles & a half South Seventy Seven Degrees & a half West from the South west Corner of the New meeting house in S<sup>d</sup> Parish Including all the Inhabitants & their Estates from the S<sup>d</sup> Three miles north of the river Merrimack begining at the Atlantick Sea or Western Ocean on the East, & runing Notherly from Mitchells line (as Determined by his Maj<sup>ty</sup> in Council) to the bounds of Hampton ffalls Parish & then Westerly on the Bounds of Kensington & Kingston afores<sup>d</sup> until it meets with the S<sup>d</sup> White Pine Stump in Shapleys line

So called & from S<sup>d</sup> Stump Due South Two miles & One Quarter \*1-2 of A Mile to the Stake afore S<sup>d</sup> in S<sup>d</sup> Mitchells Line \*near the Childrens Land (Excepting the Lands Estates & Polls of Jacob ffrench, John True, Jonathan Hoit Joseph Tucker Joseph Page Samuel Eaton Jabez Eaton Ephraim Eaton Richard Smith Joseph Tod Thomas Silly David ffowler Tristrum Collins Samuel ffowler Samuel Walton Jeremiah Wheeler Benj<sup>e</sup> Hoit James Jackman Elisha Daw John Eaton Noah Daw Benj<sup>e</sup> Collins Billedad Daw Juda Daw Bennony Silly Sam<sup>l</sup> Selley John Eaton Jun<sup>r</sup>—Who Are hereby Annexed to the Parish of Hampton ffalls & in all respects Incorporated into the S<sup>d</sup> Parish of Hampton ffalls for their well ording & being regulated for Parish affairs) To have & to hold all the Previlidges & Imunities of a Town Corporate & to be ruled &



Governd in all Respects for the S<sup>d</sup> Town affairs by the Laws of this Province of New Hampshire as other Towns Are. The first Town meeting shall be called by Joseph Jewell John fflanders & Henry Currier the Seventh Day of June next by notifikation in Writeing by them Signed & affixed to the meeting house Door Seven days at Least before the holding of Such meeting & afterwards the Town meetings Shall be Called at Such Times as the affairs of S<sup>d</sup> Town may require in Such manner as the Laws of the Province of New Hampshire hath Prescribed for other Towns—

And we Do further by These Presents for us our Heirs & Successors Grant Establish & ordain That yearly once in A year forever hereafter Namely the first monday in March yearly there Shall be hold & kept by the freeholders & Inhabitants of s<sup>d</sup> Town a Town meeting at their Publick meeting Place in S<sup>d</sup> Town & there by a Majority of the freeholders & Inhabitants Present legally Quallified to vote to make A Choice of all Town officers for the Ensueing year & to Transact Any other affair of the Town as other Towns & Parishes According to the Laws of the s<sup>d</sup> Province do—

In Testimony whereof we have Caused the Publick Seal of Our S<sup>d</sup> Province to be hereunto affixed—

Wittness Benning Wentworth Esq Governour & Com'ander in Chieff in & over our S<sup>d</sup> Province of New Hampshire the  
\*Twenty fifth day of may in the fifteenth year of our reigne 1-3\*  
Annoq Domini 1742—

B Wentworth

By his Excelencys Com'and  
with the advise of the Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> November 25<sup>th</sup> 1742—

Entred & Recorded According to the Originall

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

## SOUTH NEWMARKET.

[Originally a part of Exeter, but was included in the limits of Newmarket when that town was incorporated as a parish, December 15, 1727. Set off from Newmarket and incorporated, June 27, 1849. It was known at times as *Lamprey River Village* and *Newfields*. A part of Exeter was annexed January 7, 1853, and small parts of South Newmarket were annexed to Newmarket Dec. 17, 1852, and September 14, 1883. The boundary line between these two towns was established July 13, 1876. The name of the town was changed to Newfields Feb. 21, 1895.

See papers under titles Exeter and Newmarket; Index to Laws, 511; sketch, by J. H. Fitts, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 525; Lawrence's New Hampshire Churches, 1856, p. 136; Historical Sermon, by I. C. White, 1880.]

## SPRINGFIELD.

[Granted January 3, 1769, to John Fisher and others, and called *Protectworth*. Incorporated as Springfield January 24, 1794. A tract of land between this town and Enfield, known as Heath's Gore, was annexed June 20, 1817.

See XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 442; Index to Laws, 450, 512; sketch, by C. McDaniel, Hurd's History of Sullivan County, 1886, p. 317; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 252; Baptist Churches in New Hampshire, by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 19; Lawrence's New Hampshire Churches, 1856, p. 473.]

## [PROTECTWORTH CHARTER, 1769.]

\*4-250 \*Province of } GEORGE the Third by the Grace of  
New Hampshire } GOD of Great Britain France and Ire-  
PROTECTWORTH land KING Defender of the Faith &c\*

KNOW YE that we of our special grace, certain knowledge and mere motion, for the due encouragement of settling a new plantation within our said Province, by and with the advice of our trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our Governor and Commander in cheif of our said Province of New Hampshire in New England and of our Council of the said Province, Have upon the conditions and reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these presents for us our heirs and successors do give and grant in equal shares unto our loving subjects inhabitants of our said Province of New Hampshire and our other Governments, who have

petition'd us for the same, setting forth their readiness to make immediate settlement and to their heirs and assigns forever, whose names are enter'd on this grant to be divided to and amongst them into Sixty equal shares, all that tract or parcel of land, situate, lying & being within our said Province of New Hampshire, containing by admeasurement twenty five thousand and five hundred and Eleven Acres and two rods, and it is to contain something more than six miles square, out of which an allowance is to be made for highways and unimproveable lands by rocks, ponds, mountains and rivers, one thousand and forty acres free, according to a plan and survey thereof, exhibited by our Surveyor General by our said Governor's order, & return'd into the Secretary's Office, a copy whereof is hereunto annex'd, butted and bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> beginning at a beech tree standing at the south east corner of Grafton, from thence south thirty nine degrees west two miles and forty four chains on Mason's curve line so call'd then south thirty seven degrees west four miles and thirty seven chains on the said curve line, thence turning off and running north seventy four degrees west five miles and nineteen chains by Saville, then turning off and running north sixteen degrees east one mile and forty four chains to \*a small rock \*4-251 maple at the southerly corner of Grantham, thence north thirty one degrees east five miles and thirty chains by Grantham to a hemlock tree at the north east corner thereof, then turning off and running south seventy two degrees east one mile to a small hackmatack tree, from thence on the same course, five miles and thirty six chains and one half to the beech tree at the south east corner of Grafton began at. To have and to hold the said tract of land as above express'd, together with all priviledges & appurtenances to them & their respective heirs and assigns for ever, by the name of Protectworth upon the following conditions Viz<sup>t</sup> (First) That the Grantees at their own cost shall cut, clear, bridge and make passable for carriages of all kinds, a road of eight rods wide thro' the said tract hereby granted; and this to be completed within three years from the date of this grant; on failure of which, the premises and every part thereof, shall be forfeited and revert to us our heirs and successors to be by us or them reenter'd upon & regranted to any of our loving subjects. (Second) That the said Grantees shall settle or cause to be settled twelve families by the first day of July 1774, who shall be actually cultivating some part of the land, and resident thereon; and to continue making further and additional improvement cultivation and settlement of the premises, so that there shall be actually settled & resident thereon sixty families by the first day of July 1778, on penalty of the forfeiture of such delinquent's share, and of such

shares reverting to us our heirs and successors to be by us or them enter'd upon and regranted to such of our subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same. (Third) That all white and other pine trees within the said township fit for masting our Royal Navy, be carefully preserv'd for that use, and none to be cut or fell'd without our special license for so doing first had and obtain'd upon the penalty of the forfeiture of the right of such Grantee his heirs and assigns to us our heirs and successors, as well as being subject to the penalty prescrib'd by any present as well as future act or acts of Parliament. (Fourth) That before any division of the land be made to and among the Grantees a tract of land as near the centre of the said township as the land will admit of, shall be reserved and mark'd out for town lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee \*4-252 of the contents of one acre. (Fifth) Yielding & \*paying therefor to us our heirs and successors on or before the first day of January 1774 the rent of one ear of indian corn only if lawfully demanded. (Sixth) That every proprietor, settler, or inhabitant shall yield and pay unto us our heirs and successors yearly and every year for ever, from and after the expiration of one year from the abovesaid first day of January, namely on the first day of January which will be in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and seventy five, one shilling Proclamation money for every hundred acres he so owns, settles or possesses and so in proportion for a greater or lesser tract of the said land: which money shall be paid by the respective persons abovesaid, their heirs or assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same: and this to be in lieu of all other rents and services whatsoever.—The road of eight rods wide to remain reserv'd, but to be clear'd & bridged as above express'd only two rods wide.—

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the seal of our said Province to be hereunto affix'd Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our Governor & Commander in chief of our said Province of New Hampshire the third day of January in the ninth year of our reign, and in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine.

By his Excellencys' Command  
with advice of Council

George King D: Sec<sup>y</sup>

Names of the Grantees of the Township of PROTECTWORTH.

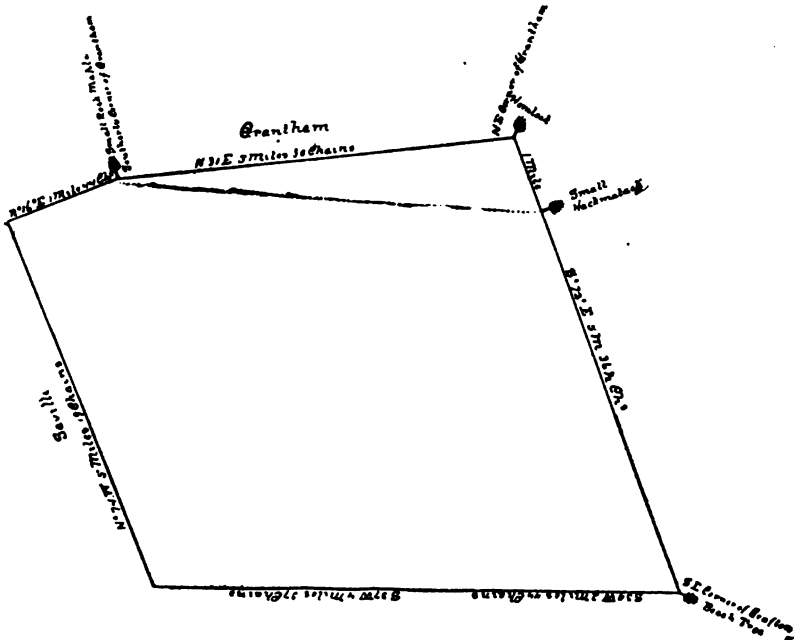
John Fisher Esq<sup>r</sup> Daniel Warner Esq<sup>r</sup> Mark Hunking Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup>  
Daniel Peirce Esq<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Warner Esq<sup>r</sup> Leverett Hubbard Esq<sup>r</sup>  
James Stoodley Esq<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Russell Esq<sup>r</sup> Isaac Rindge Esq<sup>r</sup>

John Hurd Esq <sup>r</sup>	John Parker Esq <sup>r</sup>	George King Esq <sup>r</sup>
Hall Jackson Esq <sup>r</sup>	Thomas Martin	Daniel Sherburne
Samuel Sherburne	William Knight	Temple Knight
Joshua Wentworth	George Wentworth	Samuel Warner
George Libbey	Jotham Blanchard	John Peirce
William King	John Marsh	George Craigie
John Jackson	Giles Seaward	Giles Seaward Jun <sup>r</sup>
John Churchill	George Marshall	George Marshall Jun <sup>r</sup>
Alexander Welch	John Ayers	Ephraim Ham
*Samual Ham	William Yeaton	Benjamin Yeaton
Peter Curtis	Daniel Fowle Esq <sup>r</sup>	Robert Lewis Fowle
John Dennett	William Partridge Jun <sup>r</sup>	John Beck
Richard Woods	John White	John Barter
Stephen Cogan	Samuel Grindell	Daniel Gridell
Samuel Tripe	Robert Hart	Foster Trefethen
William Walker	Roger Hayes	William Jones
Joseph Bass	Gibbins Mase	John Goatham

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J' [L S] Wentworth

Recorded according to original Charter under the Province Seal this  
Seventh Day of August 1775. Attest<sup>r</sup> Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>



Province of New Hampshire Portsmouth 17<sup>th</sup> April 1769

These Certify that this Plan of Protectworth Containing Twenty five Thousand five hundred and Eleven Acres & 2 Roods is a true Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Township as taken and returned to Me by M<sup>r</sup> William Heyward D<sup>y</sup> S

Attest  Is Rindge S: G<sup>l</sup>

Copy of the Plan of the Charter of Protectworth recorded this Day—7<sup>th</sup> August 1775—

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

## STARK.

[Granted August 3, 1774, to Jacob Walden and others, by the name of *Percy*. Named probably in honor of the King's chaplain, Thomas Percy. Incorporated January 9, 1795, and the name spelled *Piercy*. A tract of land was severed from the southeast part of Stratford and annexed to *Percy* June 21, 1832. Gen. John Winslow's grant was annexed December 21, 1832. The name of the town was changed to Stark December 28, 1832, in honor of Gen. John Stark. A small tract of Stark territory was annexed to Lancaster December 4, 1840 two others to Northumberland, July 13, 1855, and June 26, 1863, and another to Dummer, July 1, 1868.

See XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 451; Index to Laws, 426, 513; sketch, Fergusson's History of Coös County, 1888, p. 562; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 608; An Exploration of the Pilot Range, by W. H. Peek, 4, Appalachia, 219.]

## [PERCY CHARTER, 1774.]

\*4-224 \*Province of } George the third by the grace of God  
New Hampshire } of Great Britain France and Ireland King  
PERCY Defender of the Faith &c<sup>a</sup>

To all to whom these presents shall come greeting

KNOW YE that we of our special grace certain Knowledge and meer Motion for the due encouragement of settling a new Plantation within Our said Province by & with the advice of our trusty & well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor & Commander in chief of our said Province of New Hampshire in New England and of our Council of the said Province have upon the Conditions & reservations herein after made given & granted and by these Presents for Us our Heirs and Successors do give & grant in equal

Shares unto our loving Subjects Inhabitants of our said  
 \*Province of New Hampshire & our other Dominions \*4-225  
 who have petitioned us for the same setting forth their  
 readiness to make immediate Settlement and to their Heirs & Assigns  
 forever whose Names are entered on this Grant to be divided to &  
 amongst them into eighty equal Shares all that Tract or Parcel of  
 Land situate lying & being within our said Province of New Hamp-  
 shire containing by admeasurement Twenty four thousand four hun-  
 dred & ninety six Acres out of which an allowance is to be made for  
 Highways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks Mountains and Waters  
 one thousand four hundred Acres free according to a Plan or Survey  
 thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Pro-  
 vince by our said Governor's order & returned into the Secretarys  
 Office of our said Province a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed  
 butted & bounded as follows viz<sup>t</sup> Begining at a red Birch Tree in  
 the North side Line of Lancaster from thence runing North Seventy  
 one degrees East Six Miles & seventy Rods to a red Birch the South-  
 westerly Corner of Land laid out for General Winslow thence North  
 eight degrees East six Miles & forty Rods to a Beech the Northwest-  
 erly Corner of said Winslows Location thence north eighty two  
 degrees West five hundred & seventy Rods to the Line of Stratford,  
 thence South two degrees East seven hundred & fifty Rods to the  
 Southwesterly Corner of said Stratford thence north fifty five  
 degrees West four Miles two hundred & seventy Rods to a Spruce  
 the northeasterly Corner of Northumberland, thence South seven  
 degrees West nine Miles to the Bounds began at TO HAVE & TO  
 HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed together with all  
 Privileges & Appurtenances to them & to their respective Heirs and  
 Assigns forever by the name of PERCY upon the following conditions  
 viz<sup>t</sup>—

FIRST That the Grantees at their own Cost shall cut clear bridge  
 & make passable for Carriages of all kinds a Road of four rods wide  
 through the said Tract hereby granted as shall be at any time here-  
 after directed by our said Governor and Council which Road shall be  
 completed in one Year from the date of such direction in failure of  
 which the Premises & every part thereof shall be forfeited and revert  
 to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them reentered upon &  
 regranted to any of our loving Subjects

SECONDLY That all white Pine & other pine Trees within the  
 said Township fit for masting our Royal Navy be carefully  
 \*preserved for that use & none to be cut or felled with- \*4-226  
 out our special Licence for so doing first had & obtained

upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee his Heirs & Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties of any Act or Acts of Parliament that are or hereafter shall be enacted

**THIRDLY** That before any division of the Land be made to & among the Grantees a Tract of Land as near the Center of the said Township as the Land will admit of shall be reserved & marked out for Town Lots One of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre

**FOURTHLY** Yielding & paying therefor to Us our Heirs and Successors on or before the first day of March 1780 the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded—

**FIFTHLY** That every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant shall yield & pay unto Us Our Heirs and Successors yearly & every Year forever from & after the expiration of ten Years from the date of this Grant One Shilling proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he so owns settles or possesses & so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid their Heirs or Assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same

**SIXTHLY** That every Grantee his Heirs or Assigns shall plant & cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or proportion of Land in said Township & continue to improve & settle the same by additional Cultivations on penalty of the forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township and of its reverting to Us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle & cultivate the same

**SEVENTHLY** That any part of the Premises appearing well adapted to the growth of Hemp & Flax or either of them shall be cultivated with those useful Articles of produce in the proportion of ten Acres in each & every hundred of these granted Premises within ten Years of this date—

**EIGHTHLY** That this Grant shall not interfere with any of  
\*4-227 our \*Grants formerly made & now in force nor interrupt the Grantees in their improvements making thereon agreeable to the Conditions thereof—These to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever

**IN TESTIMONY** whereof We have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed—Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> Our Governor & Commander in chief aforesaid the third day of August in



the fourteenth Year of our reign and in the Year of our Lord Christ 1774

By his Excellencys command J { P S } Wentworth.  
with advice of Council  
Geo: King Dep<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>r</sup>

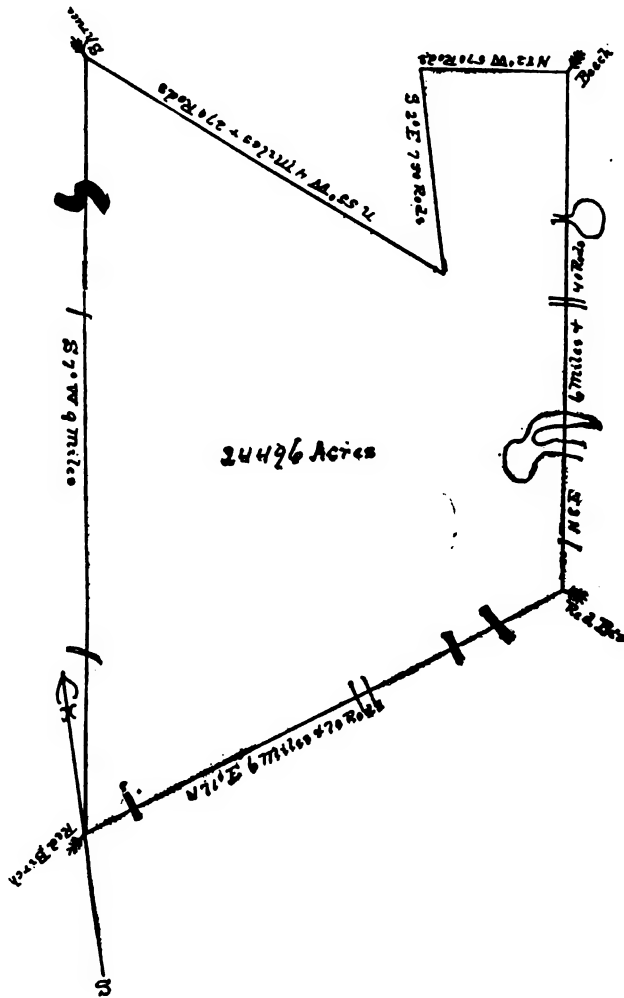
The Names of the Grantees of Percy

Jacob Walden	Daniel Cutter	Caleb Marshal
Thomas Walden	Thomas Martin Esq <sup>r</sup>	Silas Marshal
Nath <sup>l</sup> Treadwell jun <sup>r</sup>	Joshua Martin	Eliphalet Day
George Gains	Joseph Holbrook	Moses Davis
Daniel Lunt	John Melcher	Moses Marshal
Mark Sevey	Jonathan M Sewall	Jesse Johnson
Clement March of Portsm <sup>o</sup>	William Blunt	Stephen Well
Thomas Ransom	Stephen Sumner	Jesse Johnson jun <sup>r</sup>
Nehemiah Rowell	Francis Little	Moses Bartlett
Philip Pendexter	Edward Ayres	Jeremiah Eames
Joshua Crocket	Samuel Lear	Caleb Johnson
Richard Fitzgerald	John Noble	John Hodgdon of Haverhill
John Hurd Esq <sup>r</sup>	Daniel Rindge Rogers	Edmund Morse
John Seward jun <sup>r</sup>	Mark Rogers	Reuben Harriman
Jacob Treadwell	Hubartus Neal	Samuel White Esq <sup>r</sup>
George Rogers Treadwell	Joseph Peverly Esq <sup>r</sup>	Benjamin Currier
Nathaniel Treadwell	Thomas Peverly jun <sup>r</sup>	James Paul
Frederic Hohn	Daniel Spaulding	Thomas Burnside
Ammiruhamah Cutter Esq <sup>r</sup>	John Sanborn of Haverhill	
Charles Cutter	William Marshal	James Burnside
*David Paul Nath <sup>l</sup> Healy Esq <sup>r</sup> of Kensington	David Burnside	*4-228
Abner Osgood	George Walton jun <sup>r</sup>	William Stanwood
William Moulton	Jonas Clark March	Mark Sanborn of Haverhill
Arthur Woster	Daniel Humphreys	Josiah Bishop
Jacob Tilton of Haverhill	Thomas Macdonogh	Theodore Atkinson Esq <sup>r</sup>
Joseph Moulton }	of	Captain John Knight
Caleb Tappan }	Newb <sup>r</sup> port	William Lee Perkins

One Share for a Glebe for the Church of England by Law established. One Share for the benefit of a School in the said Town.

Recorded according to the original Charter under the Province Seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November A D 1774

Attest<sup>r</sup> Geo: King Dep<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>r</sup>



\*4-229 \*Province of } Portsmouth 10<sup>th</sup> August 1773 This cer-  
 New Hampshire } tifies that this Plan of Percy begining  
 at a red birch Tree in the North side Line of Lancaster, from thence  
 runing North seventy one degrees East six Miles & seventy Rods to a  
 red Birch the Southwesterly Corner of Land laid out for General Win-  
 slow thence North eight degrees East six Miles & forty rods to a

Beech the Northwesterly Corner of said Winslow's Location Thence North eighty two degrees West five hundred & seventy Rods to the Line of Stratford thence South two degrees East Seven hundred & fifty rods to the southeasterly Corner of said Stratford thence North fifty five degrees West four Miles two hundred & seventy Rods to a Spruce the Northeasterly Corner of Northumberland thence South seven degrees West nine Miles to the Bounds began at contains twenty four thousand four hundred & ninety six Acres and is a true Copy of an original Plan or Survey of said Tract or Township as taken & returned to me by Cap<sup>t</sup> Hubartus Neal Dep<sup>y</sup> Surveyor

Attest Is: Rindge S: G<sup>r</sup>

Geo: King Dep<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

'Copy examin'd by

[GRANT TO JOHN WINSLOW, 1773.]

\*Province of } GEORGE the third by the grace of \*4-178  
New Hampshire } God of Great Britain France & Ireland  
King Defender of the Faith &c<sup>a</sup>

{ P S }

To all to whom these Presents shall come greeting

General Winslows } WHEREAS We have thought fit by our Proc-  
Grant } lamation at St James's the seventh day of October  
1763 among other things to testify our royal Sense & approbation of  
the Conduct and Bravery of the Officers and Soldiers of our Armies  
and signified our desire to reward the same and have therein com-  
manded and impowered our several Governors of our respective  
Provinces on the continent of America to grant without fee or  
reward to such reduced Officers as have served in North America  
during the last War and to such private Soldiers as have been or  
shall be disbanded there and shall personally apply for the same  
such quantities of Land respectively as in and by our aforesaid  
Proclamation are particularly mentioned subject nevertheless to the  
same Quitrents and Conditions of cultivation and improvement as  
other our Lands are subject to in the Province in which they are  
granted And whereas JOHN WINSLOW of Marshfield in our Pro-  
vince of Massachusetts Bay Esq<sup>r</sup> served as an Officer in the last &  
preceding War and in the Year 1756 was appointed Major-General  
and Commander of the Forces of the Provincials of the Several  
Governments of New England New York & New Jersey & is now  
reduced and he having made personal Application & solicited for  
such Grant agreeable to our said Proclamation

KNOW YE that we of our special Grace certain knowledge and meer Motion do signify our Approbation as aforesaid and for the encouragement Settlement & cultivation of our Lands within our said Province of New Hampshire in New England have and by and with the advice of our trusty & wellbeloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our Governor and Commander in chief of our said Province of New Hampshire and of our Council of the same agreeable

\*4-179 to our aforesaid \* in part recited Proclamation and upon the Conditions and reservations hereafter mentioned given and granted and by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give and grant unto the said John Winslow and to his Heirs & Assigns forever a certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being in our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid containing by admeasurement Five thousand and sixty Acres of Land as by a Plan or Survey of said Tract exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province of New Hampshire and returned into the Secretary's office of our said Province a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed may more fully appear butted and bounded as follows viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at a Beech Tree which is the Northwesterly Corner bound of Paulbourg from thence runing South thirty degrees West two miles and Seventy Rods to a Beech Tree thence South seventy one degrees West two hundred and eighty Rods to a red Birch Tree thence North eight degrees East six Miles and forty Rods to a Beech Tree thence South eighty two degrees East four hundred and eighty Rods to a Birch Tree thence South eight degrees West three Miles and fifteen Rods to a Beech Tree being the Southwesterly Corner bound of Dummer so called and from thence South eighty two degrees East about thirty Rods to the bounds first mentioned To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted Premises as above expressed to him the said John Winslow his Heirs and Assigns forever upon the following Terms conditions and reservations viz<sup>t</sup>

FIRST That the said Grantee shall clear and make passable a Road through the said Tract of Land four rods wide for Carriages &c as shall be at any time hereafter directed or ordered by the Governor and Council aforesaid which Road is to be completed in one Year from the date of the Order or direction aforesaid on Penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant and of its reverting to us our Heirs and Successors.

SECOND That the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be settled Eight Families in five Years from the date of this Grant in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be entered upon and regranted to such of our \* Sub-  
\*4-180 jects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same

**THIRD** That all white and other Pine Trees fit for masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that Use and none to be cut or felled without our special leave and licence for so doing first had and obtained on Penalty of the forfeiture of the right of the Grantee to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being Subject to the Penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament

**FOURTH** That the Grantee yield and pay therefor to us our Heirs and Successors on or before the first day of January 1774 the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded

**FIFTH** That the Grantee his Heirs and Assigns shall yield & pay unto us our Heirs and Successors Yearly and every Year forever from and after the expiration of nine Years from the aforesaid First day of January 1774 One Shilling Proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he so owns settles or possesses and so in proportion for a greater or less quantity of the Land aforesaid which Money shall be paid by the respective Proprietor or Settler as afores<sup>d</sup> in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same

**SIXTH** That any part of the Premises appearing well adapted to the growth of Hemp and Flax or either of them shall be cultivated with those useful Articles of produce in the proportion of ten Acres in each & every hundred of these granted Premises within Ten Years of this date And these to be in full of all other Rents and Services

**IN TESTIMONY** whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our aforesaid Governor and Commander in chief the twenty first day of October Anno Domini 1773 and in the thirteenth Year of our reign

J Wentworth

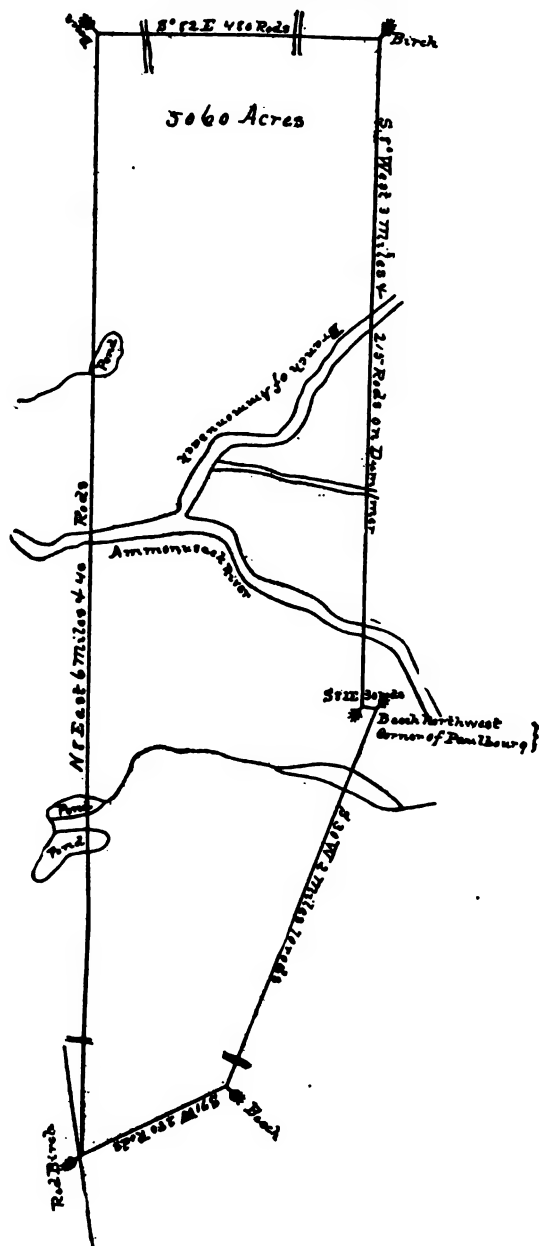
By his Excellency's command  
with advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Recorded according to the original Charter under the Province Seal this twenty first day of October A D 1773

Att<sup>y</sup> Geo: King D Sec<sup>y</sup>

## CHARTER RECORDS.



Province of New Hampshire Portsmouth 19<sup>th</sup> October 1773 This certifies that this Plan beginning at a Beech Tree which is the North-westerly Corner Bound of Paulbourg from thence running South thirty degrees West two Miles and seventy Rods to a Beech Tree thence South seventy one degrees West two hundred and eighty Rods to a red Birch Tree thence North eight degrees East Six \*4-182 Miles and forty Rods to a Beech \* Tree thence South eighty two degrees East four hundred and eighty Rods to a Birch Tree thence South eight degrees West three Miles and fifteen Rods to a Beech Tree being the Southwesterly Corner Bound of Dummer so called and from thence South eighty two degrees East about thirty Rods to the bound first mentioned Contains five thousand and sixty Acres of Land and is a true Copy of an original Plan or Survey of said Tract as taken and returned to me by Cap<sup>t</sup> Hubartus Neal Dep<sup>y</sup> Surveyor

Copy examin'd by

Attest Is: Rindge S: G<sup>l</sup>  
Geo : King Dep<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

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### STEWARTSTOWN.

[Granted Dec. 1, 1770, to Sir James Cockburne, Sir George Colebrooke, and John Stuart, of London, and John Nelson of the island of Grenada. Called *Stuart* or *Stuart-town*. Incorporated as *Stuart* Dec. 22, 1795, but the legality of the proceedings being questioned, it was again incorporated by its present name Dec. 24, 1799.

See XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 452; Index to Laws, 523, 527; sketch, by C. E. Tewksbury, Fergusson's History of Coös County, 1888, p. 651; Vital Statistics, 1770-1888, by same, 1888, pp. 52; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 608.]

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### [STUART TOWN CHARTER, 1770.]

\*Province of New } GEORGE the Third by the grace of \*4-48  
Hampshire } God of Great Britain France and Ire-  
(STUART TOWN.) land King defender of the Faith &c—  
To all People to whom these Presents shall come Greeting

Know Ye that we of our special grace certain knowledge and mere motion for the due encouragement of settling a new Plantation within our said Province of New Hampshire in New England by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq: our Governor and Commander in chief in and over our said Province of New Hampshire and of our Council of the same, have upon the Conditions and reservations herein after made given and granted and by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors do give

and grant unto our leige and loving Subjects Sir James Cockburne Baronet, Sir George Colebrooke Baronet both of London in our kingdom of Great Britain, John Stuart Esq: of London aforesaid Merchant and John Nelson Esq<sup>r</sup> of our Island of Grenada in the West Indies Merchant, who have made application to us for the same setting forth their readiness to Enter upon & improve the Premises immediately and to the respective heirs and Assigns of the said Grantees for Ever to be Equally Divided to and amongst them a certain Tract or parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of New Hampshire containing Six miles square and is by admeasurement Twenty three thousand & Forty Acres, being about Fifty Acres Each to the number in the respective Families of the said Grantees (exclusive of, and) out of which an allowance is to be made for Highways and unimproveable Lands by Rocks, Mountains and Waters One thousand and Forty Acres free according to a Plan thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province by our said Governor's Order and returned into the Sec<sup>ry</sup> office of our said Province, a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed. Butted and Bounded as follows Videlicet—Beginning at a White Maple Tree standing on the Easterly bank of Connecticut River and running South Seventy degrees East Nine miles, from thence turning off at right angles and running South Twenty degrees West Three miles and one hundred and forty four Rods, from thence turning off at right angles and running North Seventy degrees West to Connecticut River, from thence up said River as that tends to the said Maple Tree began at; which Tree stands Four Rods North of a brook (called Bishop's Brook) and opposite a large Island in said River. To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above express'd together with all priviledges and appurtenances to them the said Sir James Cockburne, Sir George Colebrooke, John \*4-49 Stuart \* and John Nelson to their respective heirs and Assigns for Ever, by the Name of STUART TOWN, upon the following Terms Viz<sup>t</sup>

FIRST That the said Grantees at their own Cost shall cut, clear, bridge and make passable for Carriages of all kinds a Road of Five Rods wide thro' the said Tract hereby granted, which said Road shall be completed in Two Years from the date of this Grant, on failure of which the Premises and every part thereof shall be forfeited and reverted to us our heirs and Successors to be by us or them reenter'd upon and regranted to any of our loving Subjects.

SECOND That the said Grantees shall settle or cause to be settled Fifteen Families by the first day of January 1772 who shall be actually cultivating some part of the said Land and resident on the same



and continue making further and additional Improvement, Cultivation & settlement of the Premises so that there shall be actually settled thereon SIXTY Families by the First day of January 1780, on penalty of the forfeiture of any and every Delinquent's share and of such Share or Shares reverting to our heirs and Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon and regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

THIRD That all white and other Pine Trees being and growing within and upon the said Tract of Land fit for masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use and that none be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee his heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs and successors as well as being subject to the penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are or hereafter shall be Enacted.

FOURTH That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees a Tract of Land as near the centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of Four Acres.

FIFTH Yielding and paying therefor to us our Heirs and Successors on or before y<sup>e</sup> first day of January 1780, the Rent of One Ear of Indian Corn only if Lawfully demanded.

SIXTH That every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant shall yield and pay unto us our heirs and successors yearly and every year for Ever from and after the expiration of one year from the abovesaid First day of January, namely on the first day of January which will be in the year of our Lord Christ 1781, ONE SHILLING Proclamation money for every hundred Acres he so owns, Settles or possesses and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid their heirs or Assigns in our Council chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same, and these to be in lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.—

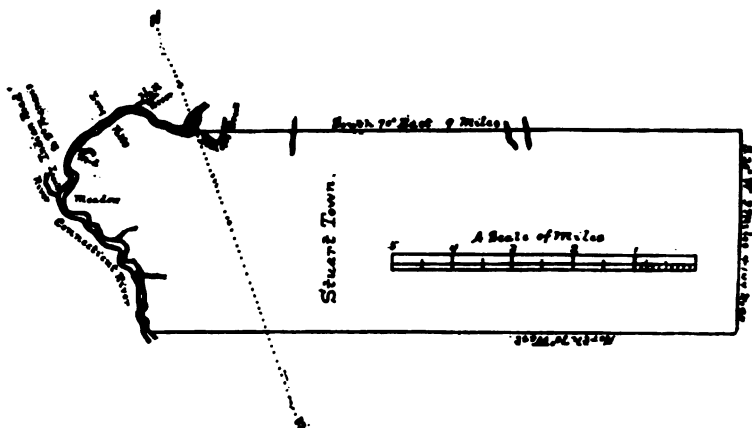
\*IN TESTIMONY whereof we have Caused the Seal of our \*4-50 said Province of New Hampshire to be hereunto affixed  
WITNESS our GOVERNOR and Commander in Chief aforesaid the First day of decem<sup>r</sup> in the year of our Lord Christ 1770 and in the 11<sup>th</sup> year of our Reign.

By his Excellency's Command } J { L. S. } Wentworth.  
with advice of Council }

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Enter'd and Recorded according to the Original under the Province Seal the 10th Decem<sup>r</sup> 1770

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>



Province of New )

Hampshire )

Portsmouth 1<sup>st</sup> December 1770.

These Certify that this Plan of Stuart Town Beginning at a White Maple Tree standing on the Easterly bank of Connecticut River & running South Seventy Degrees East Nine Miles from thence turning off at Right Angles & running South 20 Degrees West 8 Miles & 144 Rods, from thence turning off at right Angles & running North 70 Degrees West to Connecticut River, from thence up said River to the said Maple Tree began at, which Tree stands 4 Rods North of a Brook, (called Bishop's Brook) and opposite a large Island in said River & Contains Twenty three thousand and Forty Acres of Land, & is a true Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Township as taken & returned to me by M<sup>r</sup> Benjamin Whiting Dep<sup>y</sup> Survey<sup>r</sup>

Attest<sup>r</sup> Is. Rindge S. G<sup>t</sup>

## STODDARD.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors May 10, 1752, to Col. Sampson Stoddard and others, and known as *Monadnock No. 7*, and *Limerick*. The charter was renewed Nov. 4, 1767. Incorporated as Stoddard Nov. 4, 1774, and named in honor of Col. Stoddard. The southwest corner was combined with portions of Gilsum, Keene, and Nelson to form the town of Sullivan, Sept. 27, 1787. That part of Stoddard included in the limits of Marlow and Gilsum was restored to Stoddard June 21, 1797. A part of the town was annexed to Nelson June 25, 1835.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 552; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 455; Index to Laws, 523; sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 331; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 381; Biographical Notices of Physicians, 1, N. H. Repository, 134; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 289.]

## [STODDARD INCORPORATED, 1774.]

\*Province of } GEORGE the third by the grace of \*4-219  
New Hampshire } God of Great Britain France & Ireland  
King Defender of the Faith &c



TO ALL PEOPLE to whom these presents shall come greeting

Whereas our loyal Subjects Inhabitants of a Tract of STODDARD Land within our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid commonly called and known by the Name of Monadnoc number Seven containing by estimation about six Miles square have humbly petitioned & requested Us that they may be erected and incorporated into a Township and enfranchised with the same Powers & Priveleges which other Towns within our said Province by Law have and enjoy And it appearing to Us to be conducive to the general Good of our said Province as well as of the said \*Inhabitants in particular by maintaining good Order and encouraging the culture of the Land that the same should be done \*4-220

KNOW YE that We of Our special grace certain knowledge & for the encouragement & promotion of the good purposes and Ends aforesaid by and with the advice of our trusty and will beloved John Wentworth Esq Our Governor & Commander in cheif of Our said Province and of Our Council of the same have erected and ordained & by these Presents for Us Our Heirs & Successors do will and ordain that the Inhabitants of said Tract of Land and others who shall improve & inhabit therein hereafter the same being butted & bounded as follows viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at the Northwest Corner of Packerfield at

the Patent Line so called from thence runing northerly by said Patent Line Seven Miles to a Stake and Stones from thence South eighty degrees East Seven Miles to a Beech Tree marked from thence South twenty one degrees West two Miles to a Stake & Stones from thence South fifteen degrees West five Miles to a Stake in a Pond called Rie Pond in the Line of Packerfeild aforesaid From thence North eighty degrees West Seven Miles by s<sup>d</sup> Packerfeild to the bounds first mentioned be & they are hereby declared to be a Town corporate by the Name of STODDARD to have continuance forever with all the Powers and Authorities Priveleges immunities & Franchises which any other Towns in Our said Province by Law hold and enjoy to the said Inhabitants or those who shall hereafter inhabit there and to their Successors forever Always reserving to Us Our Heirs and Successors all white pine Trees that are or shall be found being or growing within and upon the said Tract of Land fit for the Use of Our Royal Navy reserving also unto Us Our Heirs and Successors the power of dividing said Town when it shall appear necessary & convenient for the Inhabitants thereof Provided nevertheless & it is hereby declared that this Charter and Grant is not intended and shall not in any Manner be construed to affect the private property of the Soil within the Limits aforesaid

And as the several Towns within Our said Province are by the Laws thereof enabled & authorised to assemble and by  
 \*4-221 \*the Majority of the Voters present to chuse all Officers and transact such Affairs as in the said Laws are declared. We do by these Presents nominate & appoint Oliver Parker to call the first Meeting of the said Inhabitants to be held within the said Town at any time within sixty days from the date hereof giving legal Notice of the time & design of holding such Meeting after which the annual Meeting for said Town shall be held for the Choice of said Officers & the Purposes aforesaid on the last Thursday in the Month of March annually

IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness our afores<sup>d</sup> Governor & Commander in cheif—the fourth day of November in the fifteenth Year of our reign Annoque Domini 1774

J Wentworth

By his Excellency's command  
 with advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Recorded according to the original Charter under the Province Seal this fourth day of November A D 1774

Attest<sup>y</sup> Geo: King Dep<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

## STRAFFORD.

[Set off from Barrington and incorporated June 17, 1820.

See papers under title Barrington; Index to Laws, 524; sketch, by J. B. Smith, Hurd's History of Strafford County, 1882, p. 701; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, pp. 59, 302; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 346.]

## STRATFORD.

[Granted June 26, 1762, to John Prindle and others, and incorporated as *Woodbury*. The charter was renewed Jan. 15, 1770. Granted May 26, 1773, to Joshua Wentworth and others, and incorporated as Stratford. Reincorporated Nov. 16, 1779. The southeast part of the town was annexed to Stark June 21, 1832.

See XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 472; Index to Laws, 525; sketch, Ferguson's History of Coös County, 1888, p. 744; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 610; History, by L. W. Prescott, in manuscript.]

## [WOODBURY CHARTER, 1762.]

\*Province of New-Hampshire.

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Woodbury



GEORGE THE THIRD,

By the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.*

KNOW ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of NEW-HAMPSHIRE in *New-England*, and of our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, Twenty Three Thousand & forty Acres, which Tract is to

contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Beginning at a tree Marked standing on the Easterly side of Connecticut River at a Place called the upper Co's & is the North Westerly corner Bound of Stonington, thence running up North Easterly as the said river tends till the Contents of Six Miles upon a Streight Line be Accomplish'd, thence carrying that breadth of Six Miles back South Easterly so far as that a Parallell Line with the Streight Line aforesaid will make the Contents of Six Miles Square—And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Woodbury And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the

And the other on the \_\_\_\_\_ annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective \_\_\_\_\_ following the said \_\_\_\_\_ and that as soon as the

said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be \*2-362 \*opened and kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> Day of August next which said Meeting shall be Notified by M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Averill who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in

the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or Them Re-granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*. 1768

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1773 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the 26<sup>th</sup> Day of June In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty two And in the Second Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,  
With Advice of COUNCIL,

T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Province of New Hampshire June 26—1762

Recorded according to the original Charter under the Prov<sup>e</sup> Seal—

Ⓣ T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

## \*2-363 \*The Names of the Grantees of Woodbury (Viz)

John Prindle	Gideon Porter	Bushnal Benedict
Israel Beardslee	Gideon Hinman	David Munn
Matt <sup>w</sup> Mallett	Abijah Tambling	Eleazer Knowles
Jos <sup>a</sup> Trowbridge	Thaddeus Curtis	Stephen Brunson
Benj <sup>a</sup> Bunnell	John Johnson	Abijah Hinman
Sam: Bronson	Justice Daylee	Caleb Baldwin Esq
Eben <sup>r</sup> Strong	Elijah Hinman	Caleb Baldwin the 2 <sup>d</sup>
Auger Thomlinson	And <sup>w</sup> Coe	Ather Woster
Amos Hicock	Asa Johnson	John Levensworth
Fra <sup>a</sup> Hinman	Israel Curtis	Peter Nichols
Daniel Smith	Sam <sup>l</sup> Jenner Jun <sup>r</sup>	John Peck
Eben <sup>r</sup> Down	Aaron Down	Justis Hicok
Eben <sup>r</sup> Hinman	Jacob Glazer	Eli Dunning
Will <sup>m</sup> Bowland	Gideon Tuttle	Sam <sup>l</sup> Averhill
Eben <sup>r</sup> Bronson	John Garritt	L <sup>t</sup> Joseph Wright
Sam <sup>l</sup> Wheler	Ichabod Tuttle	Cap <sup>t</sup> Jon <sup>a</sup> Carlton
Gideon Johnson	David Johnson	Hon <sup>ble</sup> Jos <sup>a</sup> Newmarch Esq
Isaac Stiles Jun <sup>r</sup>	Jacob Mick	James Nevin Esq
Timo <sup>r</sup> Osburne	Huthwitt Tuttle	Will <sup>m</sup> Temple Esq
Moses Johnson	Gideon Bristole	
Hezekiah Porter	Seth Curtis	
Eldad King	John Skeel	

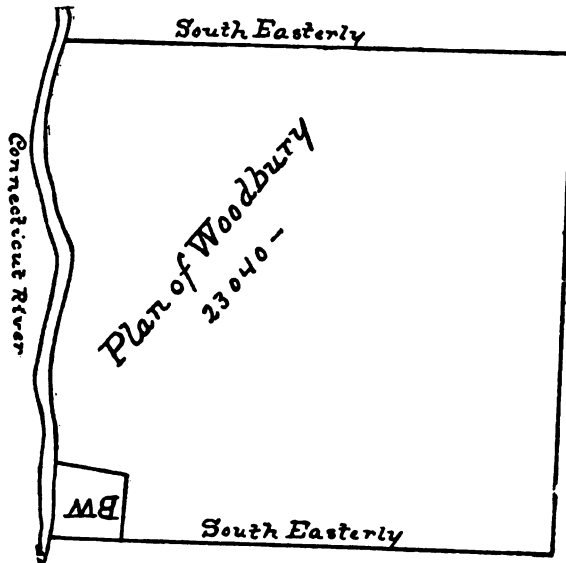
His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq a Tract of Land to Contain Five Hundred Acres as marked B-W- in the Plan which is to be Accounted two of the within Shares, one whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, one Share for a Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established, one Share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel & one Share for the benefit of a school in said Town—

Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> June 26 1762

Recorded from the back of the Original Charter under the Prov<sup>r</sup> Seal

Ⓣ T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>





Prov<sup>e</sup> New Hamp<sup>r</sup> June 26-1762

Recorded from the back of the original Charter under the Province Seal

⌘ T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

[WOODBURY CHARTER RENEWED, 1770.]

\*Province of New Hampshire

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{ Woodbury } GEORGE the THIRD by the grace of God of  
 { extended } Great Britain France and Ireland King defender of  
 the faith and so forth

WHEREAS we of our special grace and mere motion, for the due encouragement of settling a New Plantation within our said Province of New Hampshire by our Letters Patent under the Seal of our said Province Dated the Twenty sixth day of June One thousand seven Hundred and sixty two, in the second year of our Reign, a tract of Land equal to six miles square, bounded as therein express'd to a number of our Loyal Subjects, whose Names are enter'd on the same, to hold to them their heirs and Assigns on the Conditions therein

declared to be a Town Corporate by the Name of Woodbury as by reference to the said Patent or Charter may more fully appear. AND whereas the said Grantees have represented unto us that by reason of the great Inconveniencies which occur on the settlement of New Townships so remotely situated from any other Settlements that can afford any assistance hath render'd it impracticable for the whole number of Grantees to perform that part of the Conditions that relates to the cultivation of such a proportion of the said Grant; that there are a considerable number of Families now resident on the premises, which affords them hopes of a final Settlem<sup>t</sup> without delay; and humbly supplicating us not to take advantage of the breach of said Conditions, but to lengthen out, and grant them some further Time for the performance thereof. NOW KNOW YE that we being willing to promote the end proposed, Have of our further grace and favour suspended our Claim of the forfeiture which the said Grantees may have incurr'd and by these Presents do grant unto the said Grantees their Heirs and Assigns the further Term of Five Years from the 30<sup>th</sup> Novem<sup>r</sup> 1768 for performing and fulfilling the Conditions matters and things by them to be done as aforesaid. EXCEPT the Quit rents which are to remain due and payable as

\*1-357 \*IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness J<sup>n</sup> WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor and Commander in chief in and over our said Province the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Jan<sup>r</sup> in the 10<sup>th</sup> year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1770.

By his Excellency's Command with advice of Council.

Theo: Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

J<sup>r</sup> { L. S. } Wentworth.

Province of New Hampshire 26<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>r</sup> 1770

Recorded according to the Original Grant under the Province Seal

Att<sup>y</sup> Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Province of New Hamps<sup>re</sup> Portsm<sup>o</sup> May 14<sup>th</sup> 1773-

By Virtue of a Power to Us committed by the Proprietors of Woodbury We the Subscribers do surrender up the within Extension to his Excellency the Governor for the better determining the Controversy between the Prop<sup>rs</sup> of Northumberland & the s<sup>d</sup> Proprietors of Woodbury

Agur Tomlinson }  
John Wendell } Committee  
Joseph Holbrook }

## [STRATFORD CHARTER, 1773.]

## \*Province of New Hampshire

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Stratford. GEORGE the Third by the GRACE of GOD of Great Britain France and Ireland KING defendr of the Faith. &c.—KNOW YE that we of our special Grace certain Knowledge and mere Motion for the due encouragement of settling a new Plantation within our said Province by and with the Advice of our trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our GOVERNOR and Commander in chief of our said Province of New Hampshire in New England and of our Council of the said Province—HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted and by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give and grant in equal Shares unto our loving Subjects Inhabitants of our said Province of New Hampshire and our other Governments who have petitioned us for the same setting forth their readiness to make immediate Settlement and to their Heirs & Assigns for ever whose Names are entered on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into SEVENTY ONE equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcell of Land situate lying and being within our said Province of New Hampshire containing by admeasurement FORTY EIGHT THOUSAND \*Six \*4-161 hundred and three Acres, and is to contain something more than Miles square out of which an Allowance is to be made for high Ways and unimproveable Lands by Rocks Mountains and Rivers TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED Acres free according to a Plan and Survey thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General by our said GOVERNOR's order and returned into the Secretary's Office a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed, butted & bounded as follows viz.—beginning at a Hemlock Tree standing on the bank of Connecticut River which was marked B W by Benjamin Whiting for the north west corner of Woodbury, thence north eighty eight Degrees east six Miles to a Fir Tree, marked by said Whiting for the north east Corner of said Woodbury, thence on the same Course one Mile and a half, thence south two Degrees east eleven Miles and Two hundred and twenty Rods, thence north fifty five Degrees West four Miles and two hundred and thirty eight Rods to a Spruce Tree at the north east Corner of Northumberland thence two hundred and eighty eight Rods on Northumberland line, thence West Two Miles one hundred and fifty two Rods to Connecticut River, thence by said River as that tends to the bounds begun—To HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed together with all Priviledges and Appurtenances to them and to their Respective Heirs and Assigns forever by the name of STRATFORD, upon the following Conditions viz. (FIRST) That the

Grantees at their own Cost shall cut, clear, bridge and make passable for Carriages of all Kinds a Road of FOUR rods wide through the said Tract hereby granted and this to be compleated in two years from the Date of this Grant, on Failure of which the Premises and every part thereof shall be forfeited and revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them entered upon and regranted to any of our loving Subjects. (SECOND) That the said Grantee shall

\*4-162 \*Settle or cause to be settled TWELVE FAMILIES by the First Day of June 1774, who shall be actually cultivating some Part of the Land and resident thereon, and to continue making further and additional Improvement, Cultivation and Settlement of the Premises so that there shall be actually settled and resident thereon SEVENTY ONE Families by the first Day of June 1778 on Penalty of the Forfeiture of such Delinquents Share and of such Shares reverting to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them entered upon and regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same. (THIRD) That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use and none to be cut or felled without our Special Licence for so doing first had and obtained upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee his Heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors, [as well] as being subject to the Penalty prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament. (FOURTH.) That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Center of said Township as the land will admit of shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre. (FIFTH) Yielding and paying therefor to us our Heirs and Successors on or before the first Day of January 1775 the Rent of one ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded. (SIXTH) That every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant shall yield and pay unto us our Heirs and Successors yearly and every year forever from and after the Expiration of one Year from the above-said First Day of January—namely on the first Day of January which will be in the year \* of our LORD CHRIST one thousand seven Hundred and seventy Six ONE SHILLING Proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he so owns settles or possesses, and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid their Heirs or Assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same.

IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness JOHN WENTWORTH

Esquire our GOVERNOR Commander in chief of our said Province of New Hampshire the Twenty sixth Day of May in the Thirteenth year of our Reign, and in the Year of our LORD CHRIST one Thousand seven Hundred and seventy Three.

NAMES of the GRANTEES of the Township of STRATFORD.

Joshua Wentworth Esq <sup>r</sup>	Cap <sup>t</sup> Isaiah Brown	Moses Welckton
William Gardner	Cap <sup>t</sup> Daniel Judson	David Mann
Joseph Seaward	Stiles Judson	Cap <sup>t</sup> Joseph Tomlinson
The Hon <sup>ble</sup> Will <sup>m</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> Johnson Esq <sup>r</sup>	Nehemiah Curtis	Cap <sup>t</sup> Nathan
John Wendell Esq <sup>r</sup>	Samuel Sherburne	Booth
Rev <sup>d</sup> Izrahiah Witmore	Daniel Fowle Esq <sup>r</sup>	Col <sup>l</sup> Joseph Willard
Agur Tomlinson Esq <sup>r</sup>	Richard Hart	*Joseph Holbrook *4-164
Hezekiah Tomlinson	William King	Joseph Holbrook jun <sup>r</sup>
William Agur Tomlinson	George Boyd Esq <sup>r</sup>	Stephen Tomlinson
Col <sup>l</sup> Benjamin Hinman	George Craigie	Beach Tomlinson
Elijah Hinman	Joseph Bass	Daniel Judson jun <sup>r</sup>
Cap <sup>t</sup> Trueman Hinman	Benjamin Parker	Joseph Barlow
Aaron Hinman	Jacob Sheafe jun <sup>r</sup>	George Lewis
Samuel Averiel	John Holbrook jun <sup>r</sup>	Stephen Curtis
Cap <sup>t</sup> Samuel Bears	Thomas Towsey	Joseph Wells
Cap <sup>t</sup> Moses Averiel	Stephen Curtis jun <sup>r</sup>	Jabez Baldwin
Morgan Noble	William Thomson	Heth Baldwin
Perry Averiel	Samuel Curtis	Stephen Shearman
Samuel Averiel jun <sup>r</sup>	Cap <sup>t</sup> Moses Little	Arthur Worster
Cap <sup>t</sup> Agur Judson	Samuel Beard	Reynold Marvin Esq <sup>r</sup>
Agur Judson jun <sup>r</sup>	Thomas Worster jun <sup>r</sup>	George Marshall jun <sup>r</sup>
David Judson	Ebenezer Worster	William Barker
Elisha Mills	Thomas Worster Tert <sup>a</sup>	Nathaniel Wells
Abner Judson	Joseph Worster y <sup>e</sup> 2 <sup>d</sup>	Judah Kellog

By his Excellency's Command  
with advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

J { P. S } Wentworth

Recorded according to the original Charter under the Province  
Seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 1773—

Att<sup>t</sup> Geo : King D : Sec<sup>y</sup>

## STRATHAM.

[Originally a part of the "Squamscott Patent," granted to Edward Hilton, March 12, 1629, and was known as *Winnicott*. Incorporated as Stratham, March 14, 1715-16. A part of the town was annexed to Greenland, December 18, 1805. The line between Stratham and Newmarket was established December 28, 1805, but this act was repealed June 17, 1807. Another small tract was annexed to Greenland, July 2, 1847. The line with Greenland was established June 23, 1859, and amended June 27, 1860.]

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 777; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 479; Index to Laws, 526; Baptist Churches in New Hampshire, by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 22; Lawrence's New Hampshire Churches, 1856, p. 138; Deaths, 1741, by S. Lane, 30, New England Hist. Gen. Register, 426, and 32, *id.*, 48; sketch, by J. W. Rollins, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 542.]

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[*East Bounds of Stratham, 1720.*]

[Mss. "Town Boundaries," p. 61.]

Province of } Wee the subscribers hereof Att the Desier of the  
N Hamps' } Comitte for Settling the Town & Fish Bounds w<sup>th</sup>in  
this Province (There being a small Mistake on the Easterly End of  
Stretham Bounds Committed By sd Comitte on the 18<sup>th</sup> of y<sup>r</sup> 1718.)  
as by the sd Return Doe Appeare. Therefore wee to rectify sd  
Return have been att the Stake Drove Down by sd Comitte & Meas-  
ured from sd Stake to Sandy point And find it to be five And forty  
Rod: & foure Rod & halfe to the South West alsoe, so that the true  
south East Line from sd Sandy Point Does Now Come Close to the  
T Part the Easterly side of Thomas Wiggans Dwelling house. Allsoe  
Wee sett soe Many Rod Back from the Beech Tree South East of  
Winicut River: And have now Marked a Red Oake tree w<sup>ch</sup> stands  
twenty five Rod to the Northwest of sd Winicut And that Red Oak  
to be Stretham South East Bounds att the other Bounds standing  
As they were only these two Viz' that Next Exeter River at Sandy  
point & this next Winicut River, And A straight Line from this red  
Oake to the tree Marked three miles from Wheelrights Creek—to  
be theire south East Bounds Wittness our hands the 15 Ma<sup>r</sup> Ann<sup>o</sup>  
Dom 1719/20—

M: Hunking  
James Jeffry

## SUCCESS.

[Granted February 12, 1773, to Benjamin Mackay and others. Never incorporated.]

See sketch, Fergusson's History of Coös County, 1888, p. 955; Index to Laws, 527; Lawrence's New Hampshire Churches, 1856, p. 610.]

## [SUCCESS CHARTER, 1773.]

\*Province of } George the Third by the Grace of God \*4-137  
New Hamp<sup>r</sup> } of Great Britain France & Ireland King,  
Success Defender of the Faith and so Forth—

To all to whom these Presents Shall come—Greeting—

KNOW YE that We of Our special Grace certain Knowledge & Mere Motion for the due encouragement of settling a New Plantation within Our Said Province by & with the Advice of Our Trusty & well beloved John Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff of Our Said Province of New Hampshire in New England and of Our Council of the Said Province have upon the Conditions & reservations herein After made, given and Granted and by these Presents for us our Heirs & Successors do give & Grant in Equal Shares unto our Loving Subjects Inhabitants of our Said Province of New Hampshire, And Our Other Dominions who have Petitioned us for the Same setting forth their readiness to make im'ediate Settlement, And To their Heirs & assigns for ever whose Names Are entered on this Grant, to be Divided to & amongst them into Seventy Seven Equal Shares all that Tract or Parcel of Land Situate Lying & being within our Said Province of New Hampshire containing by admeasurement Thirty thousand four Hundred and Seventy two Acres being Something more than Six Miles Square out of which an allowance is to be made for high ways & unimprovable Lands by rocks Mountains & Waters one thousand & forty Acres free according to a Plan or Survey thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for Our Said Province by our Said Governor's Order and returned into the Secretarys office of our S<sup>d</sup> Province A Copy whereof is hereunto Annexed buttet & bounded as follows (viz) Begining at A Rock Maple tree Stand<sup>s</sup> in the East boundary Line of Said Province & is the North Easterly Corner Bounds of Shelburne so called from thence running North Eight deg<sup>s</sup> East on Said Province Line Ten Miles & one Hundred & Eighty rod<sup>s</sup>, to a red birch Tree thence North Eighty two degrees

West Two miles & one Hundred & Sixty rods to a Rock Maple Tree thence South Thirty Degrees West Ten Miles & one Hundred & Sixty Rods by Mainsburrough & Paulsburg so called to A Spruce Tree being the North Easter Corner of Shelburne Addition thence South Eighty degrees West Two hundred & thirty rods to a Beach Tree being the North Westerly Corner bounds of Said Shelburne thence South Eighty two degrees East by Said Shelburne Line to the bounds began at To HAVE & TO HOLD the Said Tract of Land as above Expressed, together with all Priviledges And Appurtenances to them & to their Respective Heirs & Assigns forever by the Name of SUCCESS upon the following Conditions, (Viz)——

FIRST. That the Grantees at their own Cost shall Cut clear bridge & make Passable for Carriages of all kinds a Road of three rods Wide thro' the Said Tract hereby granted as Shall be at any Time hereafter directed by our Said Govern<sup>r</sup> & Council which Road shall be compleated in one Year from the Date of Such directions in failure of which the Premises & every Part thereof shall be forfeited & revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them reentered upon & regranted to any of Our loving Subjects

SECOND. That the Said Grantees shall enclose or cause to be Enclosed Two thousand Three Hundred & fifty Acres of the Said Land within five Years from the Date of this Grant and under Cultivation in Grass, Hemp, Corn, Flax or English Grain &c<sup>a</sup> as the

Soil may Prove suitable for either or all of these Articles  
\*4-188 on Penalty of the\* forfeiture of this Grant and of its reverting to us Our Heirs & Successors to be by us or them entered upon & regranted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle & cultivate the Same——

THIRDLY That all White & other Pine Trees within the Said Township fit for Masting our royal Navy be carefully Preserved for that Use and none to be Cut or felled without our Special Licence for so doing first had & Obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of the Grantee his heirs and assigns to us our Heirs & Successors as well as being Subject to the Penalties of Any Act or Acts of Parliament that now Are or hereafter Shall be enacted

FOURTHLY That before Any Divission of the Land be made to & Among the Grantees A Tract of Land as near the Center of the Said Township as the Land will admit of Shall be reserved & marked out for Town Lotts one of which Shall be allotted to Each Grantee of the Contents of One Acre

FIFTHLY Yielding & paying therefor to us our heirs & Successors on or before the            Day of            17    the rent of One Ear of Indian Corn only if Lawfully Demanded.—



**SIXTHLY.** That every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant shall Yield & pay unto us Our heirs & Successors Yearly & every Year forever from & after the Expiration of Ten Years from the Date of this Grant One Shilling Proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he so owns Settles or Possess & So in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the Said Land which Money Shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid their Heirs or assigns in Our Council Chamber in Portsm<sup>o</sup> or to such officer or officers as Shall be appointed to receive the Same and these to be in Lieu of All other Rents & Services whatsoever—

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of Our Said Province to be hereunto Affixed Wittness John Wentworth Esq Our Govern<sup>r</sup> & Comander in Chieff afore Said the Twelfth Day of Feb<sup>r</sup> in the Thirteenth Year of Our Reign & in the Year of Our Lord Christ 1773

By his Excellencys Com<sup>and</sup>  
with Advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>r</sup>

The Names of the Grantees of the Township of Success—

Benj <sup>a</sup> Mackay	Rich <sup>d</sup> Langdon	Sam <sup>n</sup> Haven Jun <sup>r</sup>
D <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> Langdon	Walter Akerman	Ja <sup>a</sup> Grouard
George Gains	Joseph Akerman	Theodore Moses
George Hart	Daniel Hart	John Wigglesworth
George Dame	Rich <sup>d</sup> Hart	*Benj <sup>a</sup> Mackay Jun <sup>r</sup>
Geo. Jerry Osborne	Mark Sevey	Joseph Hamous
Joseph Simms	Mark Nellson	Jacob Tilton
Jonathan Ayres	Peter Man	Titus Salter Jun <sup>r</sup>
Elisha Hill	Perkins Ayers	Rich <sup>d</sup> Shortridge
Sam <sup>n</sup> Hill	Nath <sup>n</sup> Treadwell	John Beck
Samuel Beck	Joseph Walton	Cap <sup>t</sup> Titus Salter
Sam <sup>n</sup> Hall	Joseph Walker	Eben <sup>r</sup> Deering
Jon <sup>a</sup> Shillabar	Hugh Henderson	Rob <sup>t</sup> Robinson
Eph <sup>m</sup> Ham	Sam <sup>n</sup> Ham	Paul Langdon
James Haslett	Jn <sup>o</sup> Furnald	Mathew Parker
Jn <sup>o</sup> Sherburne Jun <sup>r</sup>	Sam <sup>n</sup> Bryar	Henry Rust
Edward Hart	Jn <sup>o</sup> Langdon 3 <sup>d</sup>	Jn <sup>o</sup> Noble
Joseph Ayers	Steph <sup>n</sup> Weeks	Tho <sup>a</sup> Hart
Sam <sup>n</sup> Langdon Jun <sup>r</sup>	Jn <sup>o</sup> Pain	Paul March
Tho <sup>a</sup> Bickford	Gersh <sup>m</sup> Flagg	Otis Baker Esq
Henry Bickford	Humphrey Fernald	Jn <sup>o</sup> Plu <sup>mer</sup> Esq
Stephen Hardy	Joseph Moulton Jun <sup>r</sup>	Henderson Inches Esq
Sam <sup>n</sup> Bowles	Dan <sup>n</sup> Lunt	John Lowell Esq
Benj <sup>a</sup> Akerman	Jn <sup>o</sup> Mackay	Supply Clap
Paul Leighton	Jn <sup>o</sup> Salter Sen <sup>r</sup>	

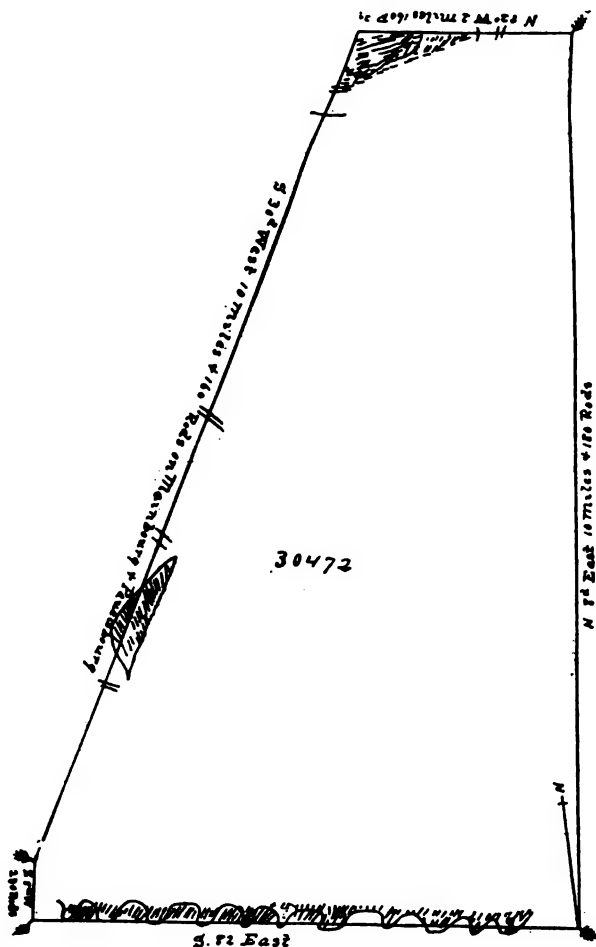
One Right for a Gram'er school in the s<sup>d</sup> Township. One Right for A Glebe for the Church forever— One Right for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel in Said Township—

J Wentworth

By his Excellencys Comand } { P.S. }  
with Advice of Council }  
Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Recorded according to the original Charter & Schedule this 22<sup>d</sup> of Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1773

Attest<sup>r</sup> Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>



Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Portsm<sup>o</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1773

This certifies that the Plan begining at a Rock Maple Tree standing in the East Boundary line of Said Province & is the North Easterly Corner Bound of Shelburne so called from thence run'ing North 8 degrees East on S<sup>d</sup> Province Line Ten Miles & one hundred & Eighty Rods to a red birch Tree thence North Eighty Two degrees West Two miles & one hundred & Sixty rods to a Rock Maple Tree thence South Thirty deg<sup>s</sup> West Ten Miles & one hundred & Sixty Rods by Mainebourg & Paulsbourg so called to a Spruce Tree being the North Easterly Corner of Shelburne Addition then South Eight degrees West Two hundred & Thirty Rods to a Beach Tree being the North Westerly Corner of Said Shelburne, thence South Eighty Two degrees East by Said Shelburne Line to the bound began at Containing Thirty Thousand four Hundred & Seventy Two Acres of Land & is a True Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of Said Tract or Township as taken & returnd to me by Cap<sup>t</sup> Hubartus Neal Deputy Surveyor

Attest Is— Rindge S. G<sup>l</sup>—

Copy Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

## SULLIVAN.

[Constituted from portions of Keene, Gilsum, Stoddard, and Nelson, and incorporated Sept. 27, 1787. Named in honor of Gen. John Sullivan. A portion of Keene was annexed January 10, 1794. A few acres of land were severed and annexed to Gilsum July 7, 1874.

See Massachusetts charters preceding; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 490; Index to Laws, 528; sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 340; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 396; Proceedings of Centennial Celebration, 1887; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 290.]

## SUNAPEE.

[Originally known as *Corey's-town*. Granted Nov. 7, 1768, to Oliver Corey and others, and named *Saville*. Incorporated as *Wendell* April 4, 1781, and named in honor of John Wendell, of Portsmouth, one of the grantees. The south part of the town was combined with portions of Newport, Newbury, Lempster, and Unity, to constitute the town of Goshen, Dec. 27, 1791. Small tracts were severed and annexed to New London Dec. 11, 1804, and June 19, 1817. The name of the town was changed to Sunapee July 12, 1850.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 494; Index to Laws, 491, 529, 574; sketch, by W. C. Sturoc, Hurd's History of Sullivan County, 1886, p. 366; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 502; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 473.]

## [SAVILLE CHARTER, 1768.]

\*4-1 \*Province of New Hampshire } GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God  
 (SAVILLE.) } of Great Britain, France & Ireland King  
 Defender of the faith and so forth.

KNOW YE that we of our special Grace, certain Knowledge & mere motion for the due encouragement of settling a new plantation by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our Governor and Commander in Cheif of our said Province of New Hampshire in New England and of our Council of the said Province—HAVE upon the Conditions and reservations herein after made given and granted & by these Presents for us our heirs and successors do give and grant in equal Shares unto our Loving Subjects, inhabitants of our said Province of New Hamps<sup>r</sup> and our other Governments who have Petitioned us for the same, setting forth their readiness to make immediate settlement and to their heirs and Assigns for ever, whose names are entered on this Grant to be divided to & amongst them into Ninety six equal Shares, all that tract or parcel of land known by the name of Corey's Town situate, lying and being within our said Province of New Hampshire, containing by Admeasurement Twenty three thousand & forty acres and is to contain not exceeding Six miles square; out of which an Allowance is to be made for highways and unimprovable Lands by rocks, ponds, mountains and Rivers one thousand & forty Acres free according to a plan and Survey thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General by our said Governor's order & returned into the Secretary's Office, a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed, butted & bounded as follows viz<sup>t</sup> Begining at the South east Corner of Lempster and runing North Ten degrees east fourteen miles and 50 Links to a stake at the South east Corner of Croydon, thence North sixteen degrees East three miles and 56 Chains to a Stake, then turning off and runing South Seventy four degrees east five miles and 19 Chains till it meets Mason's Curve line on the bank of the northerly side of little sunape Pond, then turning off and runing as the said Curve line runs, till it comes to the South east corner of Lempster the bounds began at" TO HAVE & TO HOLD the said Tract of land as above expressed together with all privileges & Appurtenances to them & their respective heirs and Assigns for ever by the Name of Saville, upon

\*4-2 the following \*Conditions Viz<sup>t</sup>.

1<sup>st</sup>—That the Grantees at their own cost shall cut clear, bridge and make passable for Carriages of all kinds, a road of two rods wide thro the said Tract begining on the easterly side of Newport so called and ending on the Easterly side of said Tract hereby

granted on Mason's Curve line commonly so Called and this to be compleatly done within one year from the date of this Grant, on failure of which the premises and every part thereof shall be forfeited and revert to us our heirs and Successors to be by us or them re-entered upon and regranted to any of our loving Subjects.

2<sup>nd</sup>—That the Said Grantees shall settle or cause to be settled Twenty Familys by the first day of March 1770 who shall be actually cultivating some part of the land and resident thereon, and to continue making further and additional improvements, cultivation and settlement of the premises, so that there shall be actually settled and resident thereon Sixty families by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1775 on penalty of the forfeiture of such delinquent's Share, and of such Share's reverting to us our heirs and Successors to be by us or them entered upon and regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

3<sup>rd</sup>—That all white and other pine trees within the said Township fit for masting our Royal navy be carefully preserved for that use and none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of such grantee his heirs and Assignes to us our heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are or hereafter shall be enacted.

4<sup>th</sup>—That before any division of the land be made to and among the Grantees a tract of land as near the centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

5<sup>th</sup>—Yielding and paying therefor to us our heirs and Successors on or before the first day of March 1770 one ear of Indian corn only if Lawfully demanded.

\*6<sup>th</sup>—That every proprietor, Settler or inhabitant shall yield \*4-8 and pay unto us our heirs and Successors yearly and every year for ever from and after y<sup>e</sup> expiration of one year from the abovesaid first day of March, namely on the first day of March will be in y<sup>e</sup> Year of our Lord 1771, ONE SHILLING Proclamation money for every hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses and so in proportion for a greater or lesser tract of the said Land; which money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their heirs or Assignes in our Council Chamber in Portsm<sup>o</sup> or to such officer or officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in lieu of all other rents and services whatsoever.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness John Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> our Gov-

ernor and Commander in Cheif of our said Province the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November in the 9<sup>th</sup> Year of our Reign, Annoque Domini 1768.

{ L. S. } J' Wentworth.

By his Excellency's Command  
with advice of Council.

T: Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Recorded according to y<sup>e</sup> original Charter of Saville under the Province Seal, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of Novem<sup>r</sup> 1768

Attest:

T: Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>r</sup>

NAMES of the Grantees of the Township of SAVILLE.

Oliver Corey	John Sprague	John Sprague Jun <sup>r</sup>
Abner Greenleafe	Ebenezer Little Jun <sup>r</sup>	Moses Little
Nathan Little	Jon <sup>a</sup> Call	Samuel Emerson Jun :
Samuel Cook	Sam <sup>l</sup> Bayley Jun <sup>r</sup>	Benj <sup>a</sup> Poor Jun <sup>r</sup>
Charles Cook	David Perkins	Jon <sup>a</sup> Call Jun <sup>r</sup>
Samuel French	Paul Noyes	Jos <sup>h</sup> Johnston Jun <sup>r</sup>
David Call	Rob <sup>t</sup> Bayley	Stephen Jewett jun <sup>r</sup>
Samuel Gilbert	Samuel Shattock	Elijah King
Nath <sup>l</sup> Treadwell	Oliver Corey Jun <sup>r</sup>	Samuel Corey
John Wendell	Constant Hart	James Porter
John Spafford	Peter Curtis	Lemuel Hastings
Abel Walker	David Cullum	Aaron Adams
Moses Wheeler	Broadst: Spafford	Obadiah Wells
John Barter	Jon <sup>a</sup> Willard	Stephen Alvord
Joshua Wentworth	James Reed	Zachariah Foss
Samuel Jenks	Geo: Wentworth	Enos Stephens
Samuel Harper	Seth Walker of N <sup>o</sup> 4	Abel Stevens
Philips Payson	Edward Sprague	Amos Poor tertius
David Call Jun :	Forster Trefethen	Daniel Lunt
Daniel Cate	John Basey	David Young
Benj <sup>a</sup> Call	William Yeaton	Joseph Peverly
Geo: Walker Lear	Ezekiel Pitman	John Parker
Thomas Martin	John Underwood	Robert Lewis Fowle
Thomas Peverly Jun <sup>r</sup>	Leveret Hubbard	John Sullivan
Eliphalet Spafford	Stephen Holland	Matthew Thornton
Simeon Alvord	Samuel Lunt	Edmund Davis
Alexander Morrison	Robert Gilman	Nehemiah Wheeler
Geo: Craige	Samuel Foster	Greenleaf Clark

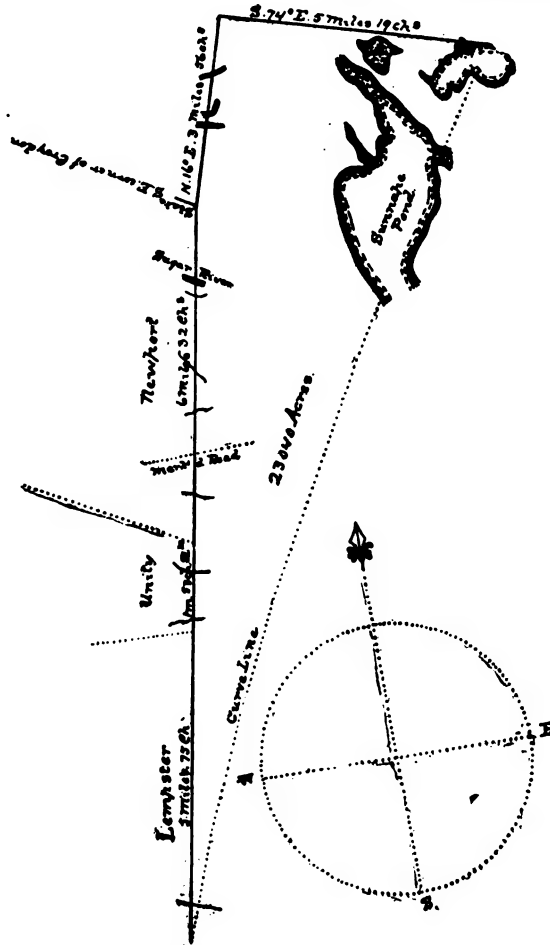
Will<sup>m</sup> Morrison  
Joseph Moulton  
John Gardner

Benj<sup>a</sup> Harris of Newb<sup>y</sup>p<sup>t</sup>: Robert Calder  
John Beck William Ham  
1 right for a School forever

\*1 right for the first Minister, Theod<sup>r</sup> Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Esq: \*4-4  
Stephen Hardy, Daniel Clarke.

Province of New Hampshire—November 10<sup>th</sup> 1768

Recorded from y<sup>e</sup> back of the original Charter, under Provinciae  
Sig<sup>e</sup> Attest T: Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>r</sup>



This plan is protracted by a Scale of Two Miles to an Inch.

Province of New Hampshire. Portsmouth 31<sup>st</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1768.

These Certify that this Plan of Corey's Town, Containing Twenty three Thousand and Forty Acres is a true Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Township as taken & returned to me <sup>9</sup>. Mess<sup>s</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Heywood and Leonard Whiting Dep<sup>y</sup> Surv<sup>r</sup>s

Attest <sup>9</sup> Is: Rindge Surv<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>

## SURRY.

[Constituted from parts of Gilsum and Westmoreland, and incorporated March 9, 1769. That portion taken from Westmoreland was previously known as "Westmoreland Leg."]

See papers under titles Gilsum and Westmoreland; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 508; Index to Laws, 532; sketch, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 341; Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 418; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 293; Dedication of Harvey Monument, 1894.]

## SWANZEY.

[Granted by Massachusetts April 20, 1733, to Nathaniel Hammond and others, and known as *Lower Ashuelot*. Incorporated as Swanzey July 2, 1753, and named from Swanzey, Mass. A triangular tract of land from Richmond was annexed Dec. 11, 1762. A portion of the northeast section was severed and annexed to Marlborough Jan. 8, 1794. Two farms were set off and annexed to Keene Dec. 10, 1812. A tract was taken off and combined with parts of other towns to make up the town of Troy, June 23, 1815. A small tract was annexed to Marlborough Dec. 15, 1842.]

See Massachusetts charters preceding; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 785; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 520; Index to Laws, 533; sketch, by Benjamin Read, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 375; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 428; History, by Benjamin Read, 1892, pp. 586; as to relations of the town to the Vermont controversy, see Read's History, pp. 67, 68, 72.]

[SWANZEY CHARTER, 1753.]

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\* Province of New Hampshire



GEORGE the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c<sup>a</sup>

To all Persons to whom these Presents Shall come Greeting

Swansey Whereas Sundry of our Loveing subjects before the Settlement of the Divideing Line of our Province of New Hampshire



aforesaid and our other Government of the Massachusetts Bay had by Permission of our Said Government of the Massachusetts Bay began a settlement of a Tract of Land on Ashuelot River So called and made Sundry Divissions of & Improvements upon the said Tract of Land And there remained till the Indian Warr forced them off and our Said Subjects being Desireous to make an Immediate Settlement on the Premisses and haveing Petitioned our Governour in Council for his Majestys Grant of the Premisses to be So made as might not subvert & Distroy their former Surveys & Laying out in Severalty made thereon aforesaid Now KNOW YE that We of our Especial Grace Certain Knowledge & mere motion for the Answering the Ends Aforesaid And for the Due Encouragement of Settling the Said Plantation By & with the Advice of our Trusty & well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff in & over our said Province of New Hampshire in America and of our Council of our said Province Have upon the Conditions & Reservations herein after made Given & Granted & by these Presents for us our heirs & Successors Do Give & Grant unto our Loveing Subjects Inhabitants of our s<sup>d</sup> Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> and our Other Governments in New England & to their heirs & Assigns for ever whose names Are Entered on this Grant To be Divided to & Amoungst them into so many & such Shares & Proportions as they now hold or Claim the Same by Purchas Contract Vote or agreement made amoungst themselves All that Tract or Parcel of Land Scituate Lying & being within our Said Province of New Hampshire Containing by Admeasurement Twenty three thousand & forty Acres which Tract is to Contain Six miles Square & no more out of which an allowance is to be made for high ways & unimprovable Lands by Rocks Mountains Ponds & Rivers One thousand & forty Acres free According to A Plan thereof made & Presented by our said Governours orders and hereunto annexed buttet & bounded as follows (Viz) Begining at the North East Corner of Winchester So called at A Pine Tree marked thence Runing South by the Needle till it comes to the North Westerly Corner of Richmond so Called from thence runing Easterly by Richmond about two miles to a Corner from thence Run'ing North Thirty nine Degrees East on Said Richmond Line \*About Seven miles & till it comes to the \*1-166 South Easterly Corner of Keene so Called thence runing West 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub><sup>d</sup> N: Six Miles or thereabouts on Said Keene line to A Beach Tree marked for the North Easterly Corner of Chesterfield so called from thence Runing South Thirty five Degrees West on s<sup>d</sup> Chesterfield Line to the South East Corner of Chesterfield from thence Easterly on Winchester Line to the Bounds first mentioned

And that the Same be & hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the name of Swanzey—and that the Inhabitants that do or Shall hereafter Inhabit the said Township Are hereby Declared to be Enfranchized with & Entitled to all & every the Priviledges Imunities that other Towns within our Said Province by Law Exercise & Enjoy and further that the Said Town as Soon as there Shall be fifty families Resident there Shall have the Liberty to open and keep A Market one or more Days in Each week as may be tho' most Advantageous to the Inhabitants—Also that the first meeting for the Choice of Town Officers & any other affairs Agreeable to the Laws of our Said Province Shall be held on the first Tuesday in August next which Meeting Shall be Notified by Coll Will Symes—who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the Said first meeting which he is to Notify and Govern Agreeable to the Law & Custom of our Said Province & that the Annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of Such officers for the Said Town Shall be on the first Tuesday in March Annually To HAVE & TO HOLD the Said Tract of Land as above Expressed together with all Priviledges & Appurtenances to them or their Respective heirs & Assignes for ever upon the following Conditions (Viz) that every Grantee his heirs & Assignes Shall Plant or Cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five years, for every fifty Acres Contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in the Said Township and Continue to Improve & Settle the Same by Additional Cultivations on Penalty of the forfeiture of His Grant or Share in the Said Township and its Reverting to his Majesty his heirs & Successors to be by him or them Regranted to such of subjects as Shall Effectually Settle & Cultivate the Same That All white & other Pine Trees within the Said Township fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully Preserved for that use and none to be Cut or felled without his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Especial Lycence for so doing first had & obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the right of Such

Grantee his heirs or assignes to us our heirs & Successors as \*1-167 well as being Subject to the Penalty of any Act or \*Acts of Parliament that now Are or hereafter Shall be Enacted also Reserving the Power of Adding to or Divideing the Said Town So far as it relates to Incorporations only to us our heirs & Successors when it Shall appear necessary or Convenient for the Benefit of the Inhabitants thereof Also Subjecting the Unimproved Lands within this Grant to the Annual Tax of one Penny <sup>per</sup> Acre for four years from the Date hereof for building A Meeting house & Settling A Gospel Minister in the Said Town—That before Any further Division of the Said Land be made to & amoungst the Grantees a Tract of Land in the most Comodious Place the Land will Admit of Shall be

Reserved & marked out for Town lots one of which Shall be Allotted to Each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre Yielding & Paying therefor to us our heirs & Successors for the Space of Ten years to be Computed from the Date hereof the annual Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only Commenceing on the first of January next ensuing the Date hereof And every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant Shall Yield & pay unto us our heirs & successors Yearly & every year forever from & after the Expiration of the Ten years from the Date hereof Namely on the first Day of January which will be in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand Seven hundred & Sixty four one Shilling Proclamation money for every hundred Acres he owns Settles or Possesses & So in Proportion for A Greater or Lesser Tract of the Said Land which money Shall be paid by the Respective Persons above s<sup>d</sup> their heirs or Assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such officer or officers as Shall be appointed to Receive the Same and this to be in Lieu of all Rents & Services whatsoever In Wittness Whereof We have Caused the Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness Benning Wentworth Esq our Govern<sup>r</sup> And Comander in Chieff of our Said Province the 2<sup>d</sup> Day of July in the year of our Lord Christ 1753 & in the 27<sup>th</sup> year of Our Reign—  
B Wentworth

By his Excellencys Com<sup>and</sup>  
with Advice of Coun<sup>ill</sup>

Theodore Atkinson Se<sup>cr</sup>

Entred & Recorded According to the Original under the Province Seal the 2<sup>d</sup> Day of July 1753

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Se<sup>cr</sup>

Names of the Grantees of Swansey—

Nathaniel Hammond,	Abraham Graves,	Will <sup>m</sup> Grimes,
Benj <sup>a</sup> Grant,	Thomas Crison,	Thomas Crison jun <sup>r</sup> ,
Will <sup>m</sup> Hill,	William Crison,	William Carr,
Elijah Graves,	Samuel Belding,	Eliakim King,
Jonathan Woodcock,	Joshua Graves,	Abner Graves,
David Belding,	Timothy Brown,	James Heaton,
James Heaton jun <sup>r</sup> ,	W <sup>m</sup> Heaton,	Samuel Hills,
Nathaniel Hills,	Jonathan Woodcock Jun <sup>r</sup> ,	Jonathan Ham <sup>ond</sup> ,
*Thomas Nutter,	Ebenezer Hills,	John Prat,
Timothy Prat,	Samuel Prat,	Joseph Hammond,
Thomas Hammond,	Seth Gay,	Aza Grant,
Daniel Arms,	Ebenezer Arms,	Nathaniel Gun,
Wigit Gun,	Daniel Gun	Ebenezer Sprag,
Joseph Marchants,	Ebenezer Sprag jun <sup>r</sup>	Benjamin Sheldin,
Mark Ferry,	Noah Bodman,	John Frarey
Phineas Frarey	Jonathan Frarey,	Oliver Wit,

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## TAMWORTH.

[Granted Oct. 14, 1766, to John Webster and others. A committee was appointed Feb. 22, 1785, to settle the line between Tamworth and Sandwich, and another June 11, 1796, to settle the line between Tamworth, and Albany and Eaton, and a third to establish both lines Dec. 23, 1808. A tract of Ossipee territory was annexed to Tamworth Jan. 13, 1837, and reannexed to Ossipee June 23, 1859. A part of Albany was annexed June 27, 1857.]

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 538; Index to Laws, 535; sketch, Fergusson's History of Carroll County, 1889, p. 731; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 59; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 591; In the Heart of the White Mountains, by S. A. Drake, 1882, p. 18; Ordination Rock, 22, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 72; Biographical Notices of Physicians, by E. C. Cogswell, 2, N. H. Repository, 74; Centennial Souvenir, 1792-1892, W. B. Hidden, pp. 38.]

## [TAMWORTH CHARTER, 1766.]

\*Province of New-Hampshire.

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Tamworth



GEORGE THE THIRD,

By the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &amp;c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.*

KNOW Ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, in *New-England*, and of Our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Sixty Eight equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, Twenty three Thousand & Forty Acres, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand

and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Beginning at the Easterly side Line of that Tract of Land granted as Addition to the Township of Sandwich at the place on y<sup>e</sup> said Line where the Head or western side Line of Mason's Patent, so Call'd, intersects the said Line of the said Additional Grant to Sandwich, & from thence runs Easterly by y<sup>e</sup> afores<sup>d</sup> Patent Line, six miles thence N<sup>o</sup> Six miles, then turning of at right Angles & runing West ab<sup>t</sup> five miles & an half mile till it Comes to the Easterly side Line of Sandwich Addition afores<sup>d</sup> or to a line Extended N<sup>o</sup> of the said Easterly side Line of Sandwich Addition afores<sup>d</sup>, then runing S<sup>o</sup> by Sandwich Addition afores<sup>d</sup> to the place began at. And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Tamworth And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the

And the other on the annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective following the said

and that as soon as the said Town shall \*3-147 consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be \*opened and kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the First Tuesday in Novem<sup>r</sup> next which said Meeting shall be Notified by Coll<sup>o</sup> Andrew Todd Esq<sup>r</sup> who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or

Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth day of *December*. 1767

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1777 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of October In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Six And in the Sixth Year of Our Reign.

B' Wentworth—

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,  
With Advice of COUNCIL

T: Atkinson j<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

Province of New Hampshire Octo<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1766

Recorded according to the Original Pattent under the Province Seal  
T Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>y</sup>

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\*Names of the Grantees of Tamworth.

Lieut. Jn <sup>o</sup> Webster	Jon <sup>a</sup> Merrill	Will <sup>m</sup> Coffin
James Cochran	Jn <sup>o</sup> Cochran	R <sup>t</sup> Barnett
Enoch Webster	Sam <sup>l</sup> Cochran	Jn <sup>o</sup> Kimball
Ja <sup>a</sup> Cochran Jun <sup>r</sup>	Alexander Lessly	Jn <sup>o</sup> Noyes Esq <sup>r</sup>
Jn <sup>o</sup> Merrill	Stephen Holland	Tho <sup>a</sup> Wallis
George Abbitt	Abel Lovejoy	Rob <sup>t</sup> Rogers j <sup>r</sup>
Will <sup>m</sup> Rogers	Joséph Enery	Moses Coffin
Jn <sup>o</sup> Moore	Jon <sup>a</sup> Cochran	Phineas Virgin
And <sup>w</sup> McMillan	Moses Barnett	Sam <sup>l</sup> Dickey
Sam <sup>l</sup> Osgood	Ja <sup>a</sup> Wallis	J <sup>o</sup> Barnet J <sup>r</sup>
Ja <sup>a</sup> Osgood	Abel Chandler	Jn <sup>o</sup> Webster Esq <sup>r</sup>
Will <sup>m</sup> Cochran	Tim <sup>r</sup> Walker j <sup>r</sup>	Ja <sup>a</sup> Dwyer
Jn <sup>o</sup> Webster Jun <sup>r</sup>	Isaac Cochran	Enoch Coffin
Jon <sup>a</sup> Stickney	Jn <sup>o</sup> Davison	Israel Gilman
Tho <sup>a</sup> Stickney	Hamilton Davison	Sam <sup>l</sup> Gilman
Josiah Miles	Jon <sup>a</sup> Morrison	Col <sup>o</sup> Todd
Joseph Hall Jun <sup>r</sup>	Tho <sup>a</sup> Clough	L <sup>t</sup> Col <sup>o</sup> Barr
Sam <sup>l</sup> Moore	Ja <sup>a</sup> Head	The Hon <sup>ble</sup> George Jaffrey
Dan <sup>l</sup> Stickney	W <sup>m</sup> Bryent j <sup>r</sup> Esq <sup>r</sup>	Dan <sup>l</sup> Rindge
Walter Bryent Esq <sup>r</sup>	Peter Coffin	Jon <sup>a</sup> Warner
Joshua Abbott	Rob <sup>t</sup> Fulton	Jacob Fowler

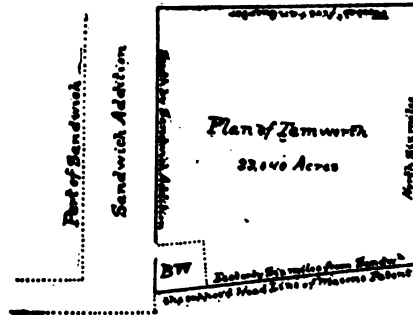
His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> a Tract of Land to Contain Five hundred Acres as mark'd B W in the plan which is to be accounted Two of the within Shares. One whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign parts, one share for a Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Establishd. One share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel & one share for the benefit of a school in said Town for Ever—

Province of New Hampshire Oct<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1766—

Recorded from the back of the Original Charter for Tamworth under the province Seal.—

79 T Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>y</sup>—





Province of New Hampshire Oct<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1766  
Copy of the Plan taken from the back of the Charter of Tamworth  
under the Province Seal

T Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>r</sup>

TEMPLE.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors June 30, 1750, as *Peterborough Slip*, also known as *Slipstown*, which included the town of Sharon. Incorporated as Temple Aug. 26, 1768, and named in honor of John Temple. A dispute about a strip of land between this town and New Ipswich terminated in favor of Temple. "Borland's Farm" was annexed Jan. 12, 1781. A portion of Peterborough was annexed Jan. 29, 1789, and a portion of Lyndeborough June 11, 1796.]

See Massachusetts charters preceding, and Masonian Papers in following volumes; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 547; Index to Laws, 540; sketch, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 672; History, by H. A. Blood, 1860, pp. 352; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 242; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 10; Glass-Making in the Merrimack Basin, by E. Brown, Old Residents' Historical Association, Contributions, vol. 2, p. 180; The Miller Mansion, by F. M. Colby, 3, Granite Monthly, 6.]

[TEMPLE INCORPORATED, 1768.]

\*Province of New Hampshire } GEORGE the Third by the Grace of \*1-305  
Temple. } God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the faith &c<sup>a</sup>

To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting

WHEREAS Our Loyal Subjects Inhabitants of a Tract of land within our Province of New Hampshire known by the name of

Peterborough Slip bounded as hereafter mentioned and containing

HAVE humbly Petitioned and Requested us, that they may be erected and Incorporated into a Township, & enfranchised with the same privileges of other Towns within our said Province by Law have & Enjoy. And it appearing unto us to be conducive to the general Good of our said Province as well as of the said Inhabitants in particular by maintaining good order and encouraging the Culture of the land, that the same should be done KNOW YE therefore that we of our especial Grace, certain knowledge and for the encourageing and promoting the good Ends & purposes aforesaid and with the advice of our trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq: Our Governor & Commander in Cheif, and of our Council for said Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Have erected and ordained and by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors Do will and ordain That the Inhabitants of the Tract of land aforesaid & others who shall Inhabit and improve thereon hereafter (the same being butted and bounded as follows Viz. Begining at Peterborough S. E. corner, then runing W. on said Peterborough Line, till it comes to a beach tree marked (being the N. W. Corner of the Lot (N<sup>o</sup> 11) in the 8<sup>th</sup> Range of Lots in the said Peterborough Slip then runing S<sup>o</sup> between the 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> lots on a line marked on the pinnacle of the mountains till it comes to the N. W. corner of the Lot 11 in the 6<sup>th</sup> range still runing on the Pinnacle of the mountain thro' the Lots 12 in the 6<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Ranges on a line marked to a Spruce tree being the N. W. corner of the lot 12 in the 4<sup>th</sup> Range still runing on the pinnacle of the mountains thro' the lots, 13) in the 4<sup>th</sup> Range and 14 and 15, in the 3<sup>d</sup> Range on a line marked on the pinacle of y<sup>e</sup> mountains to a white maple at the foot of the mountain called and known by the Name of Moffat's tree, then runing W. about 15 rods to the W. line of lot 15 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Range, then runing S<sup>o</sup> on said line to New Ipswich North line Then runing about East on New Ipswich N<sup>o</sup> line to the S. E. corner of said Peterboro' Slip, still runing E. on Wilton S<sup>o</sup> line the length of one lot, then runing N<sup>o</sup> between the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Ranges of lots in said Wilton, including one tier of lots to Lyndesborough S<sup>o</sup> line, then runing West on Wilton North line, Peterbro'

\*1-306 \*Slip North line, to Peterborough East Line, then runing South on that line to the S. E. corner first mentioned—Be and they are hereby declared to be a Town Corporate, and are hereby erected & Incorporated into a Body Politic & Corporate forever by the Name of Temple, with all the Powers and Authorities, Privileges, Immunities and franchises which any other Towns in said Province by Law have and enjoy to the said Inhabitants or who shall hereafter inhabit there

and their Successors for ever. Always reserving to us our heirs and Successors ALL WHITE PINE TREES which are, or shall be found growing and being on the said Tract of land fit for the use of our Royal Navy. reserving also Unto us our heirs and Successors the Power and right of dividing the said Town when it shall appear necessary and convenient for the Inhabitants thereof—PROVIDED nevertheless and it is hereby declared that this Grant or Charter is not intended nor shall in manner be Construed to extend or affect the private Property of the Soil within the Limits aforesaid. And as the several Towns within our said Province are by laws thereof enabled and Authorized to Assemble and by the majority of the voters present to chuse all such officers and transact such affairs as in the said Laws are declared. And we do by these Presents nominate & appoint EPHRAIM HEALD GENT. to call the first meeting of said Inhabitants to be held within the said Town at any time within Forty days from the date hereof giving legal Notice of the time & design of holding such meeting, after which the annual meeting for said Town shall be held for the Choice of the said Officers and the purposes aforesaid on the first Monday in March Annually. IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the Public Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affix'd WITNESS JOHN WENTWORTH Esq: our aforesaid Gov<sup>r</sup> the 26<sup>th</sup> day of August in the 8<sup>th</sup> year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1768.

J<sup>r</sup> Wentworth.

By his Excellency's Command  
with advice of Council

T: Atkinson Jun: Sec<sup>r</sup>

Recorded according to the Original Incorporation this 30<sup>th</sup> August  
1768

Attest<sup>r</sup> T: Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>r</sup>

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### THORNTON.

[Granted July 6, 1763, to Matthew Thornton and others, and named in honor of Matthew Thornton. Regranted Oct. 21, 1768, including a large tract of additional territory. Incorporated Nov. 24, 1781. Blanchard's Gore was annexed June 16, 1807. The town bounds were established June 14, 1808. Waterville Gore was annexed from Waterville June 23, 1842.

See XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 566; Index to Laws, 543; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 625; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, pp. 252, 375; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 573; Hedge-Hog Chasm, by W. H. Pickering, 2 Appalachia, 75; grant to John Goffe, with Woodstock papers.]

## [THORNTON CHARTER, 1768.]

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\*Province of New-Hampshire.

Thornton

{ P S— }

GEORGE THE THIRD,

By the Grace of GOD, of Great—Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, &c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come,*  
Greeting.

KNOW ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of NEW-HAMPSHIRE in *New-England*, and of our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for us, our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy three equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, Twenty three Thousand & forty Acres, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Beginning at the North East Corner of Campton from thence Runing Westerly by the North Line of said Campton about Six Miles to the North West Corner thereof which is the North East Corner of Rumney from thence North Thirty Deg<sup>s</sup> East twelve Miles from thence South about twelve Miles to the first Bounds Mentiond And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Thornton And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *Two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the

And the other on the  
annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than

the respective following the said and that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be\* opened and kept one or more \*2-489 Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantageous to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the Last Monday in July Instant which said Meeting shall be Notified by Mathew Thornton Esq who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or Them Re-granted to such of Our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*. 1763

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever,

from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1773 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the Sixth Day of July In the Year of our Lord CHRIST. One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty three And in the Third Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,  
With Advice of COUNCIL,

T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Province of New Hamps<sup>r</sup> July 6. 1763

Recorded from the original Charter under the Pro<sup>r</sup> Seal

T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

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\*The Names of the Grantees of Thornton Viz

Matthew Thornton	Arch <sup>d</sup> Clindinin	John Taggart	
William Wallace	And <sup>m</sup> Clindinin Jun <sup>r</sup>	James Taggart	
John Doack	Samuel Mison	John Swan	
Rob <sup>t</sup> McNiel	David Steel	William McNea	
John Moore	David Craige	Joseph Caldwell	
John Gillmore	Hugh Ramsey	Patrick White	
James Gillmore	Hugh Montgomery	Fitch Pool	
Tho <sup>s</sup> Christy	David Montgomery	Will Taylor	
Andrew Jack	John McClenche	Thomas Walley	
John McLean	Samuel Gregg	Isaac Thomas	
Samuel Morison	Nathaniel Holmes	Hugh Gillice	
Joseph Morison	Thomas Gregg	Richard Wier	
James Cochran	Thomas Campbell	Thomas Davis	
David Anderson	John Campbell	William Alld	
Alex <sup>r</sup> Walker	John McCartny	William Howard	
Matthew Clark	John Alexander	Hon <sup>ble</sup> John Temple	} Esq <sup>n</sup>
Thomas Morison	James Alexander	Theo Atkinson	
Jonathan Gilmore	John Willson	M <sup>r</sup> H <sup>s</sup> Wentworth	
Samuel Steel	James Doack	Theo: Atkinson Jun <sup>r</sup>	

Robert Clindinin  
Andrew Clindinin  
David Clindinin

Jesse Cristy  
Robert Gillmore  
Jon<sup>a</sup> Morison

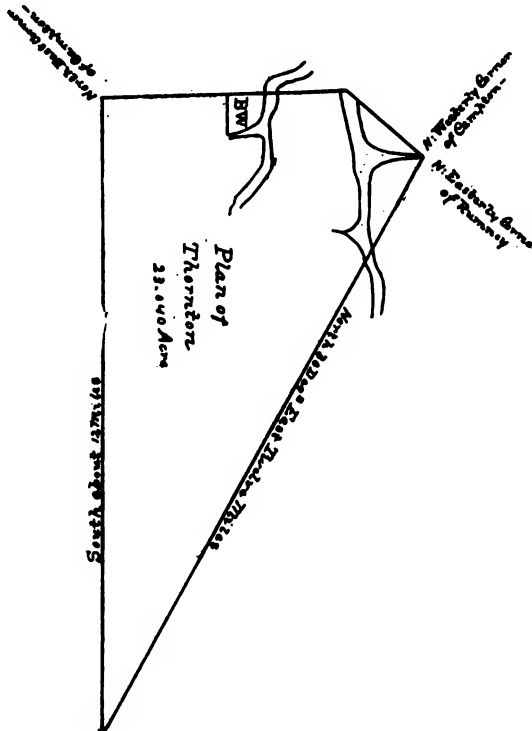
Coll<sup>o</sup> Jos<sup>b</sup> Smith  
Jos<sup>b</sup> Blanchard Esq  
& Coll<sup>o</sup> John Goffe

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> a Tract of Land to Contain Five Hundred Acres as marked B W in the Plan which is to be Accounted two of the within shares. One whole share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. One Share for a Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Establish'd. One Share for the first settled Minister of the Gospel & One Share for the benefit of a school in s<sup>d</sup> Town

Pro<sup>o</sup> of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> July 6—1763

Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter of Thornton under the Pro Seal

Ⓢ T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>



Pro<sup>r</sup> of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> July 6—1763

Record from the Back of the Original Charter of Thornton under the Pro<sup>r</sup> Seal

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[THORNTON REGRANT, 1768.]

\*1-315 \*Province of New Hampshire } GEORGE the Third by the Grace of  
land King Defender of the Faith and so forth.  
Thornton Charter.

KNOW YE that we of special Grace certain knowledge & mere motion for the due encouragement of Setling a new Plantation within our said Province, by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor & Commander in Cheif of our said Prov<sup>ce</sup> of New Hampshire in New England & of our Council of the said Province HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made given and granted and by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors do give and grant in equal Shares unto our loving Subjects Inhabitants of our said Province of New Hampshire and our other Governments who have Petitioned us for the same, Setting forth their readiness to make immediate settlement and to their heirs and Assigns for ever whose names are entered on this Grant to be divided to and amongst them into NINETY equal Shares all that tract or parcel of land known by the name of Thornton situate lying & being within our said Province of New Hampshire containing by Admeasurement Forty thousand & seventy one Acres, and is to contain more than Six miles square (the largeness of this Tract occasioned by the situation of the Premises with adjacent Townships, Mountains &c<sup>a</sup>) out of which an allowance is to be made for highways and unimproveable lands by Rocks, Ponds, mountains and Rivers one Thousand & forty Acres free according to a Plan and Survey thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General by our said Governor's order and returned into the Secretarys Office a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed, butted & bounded as follows Viz' Begining at a Spruce Tree marked at the North East Corner of Campton thence runing Eight Miles by Campton to the North West Corner thereof then turning off & runing North five Degrees East Ten Miles and one half mile to a Beach Tree marked then turning off & runs East four Miles to a Beach Tree Marked Then turning off and runing South Seventeen degrees East Ten miles & Two Hundred & Eighty one rods to the Spruce Tree begun at. TO HAVE and to hold the said tract of land as above expressed together with all



Privileges and Appurtenances to them and their respective heirs and Assigns forever by the name of THORNTON upon the following Conditions Viz<sup>t</sup>

\*1<sup>st</sup>. That the said Grantees shall Settle or cause to be \*1-316 Settled TWELVE Families who shall be actually Cultivating some part of the land & resident thereon on or before the first day of March 1770 & to continue making further and Additional improvement Cultivation and settlement of the Premises so that there shall be actually Settled & Resident thereon SIXTY Familys by the first day of March 1776 on Penalty of the forfeiture of such delinquents Share and of such Share's reverting to us our heirs and successors to be by us or them entered upon and Regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually Settle and Cultivate the same.

2<sup>nd</sup>—That all white and other Pine trees within the said Township fit for masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use and none to be cut or fell'd without our special licence for so doing first had & obtained upon the penalty of the forfeiture of the right of such Grantee his heirs and Assigns to us our heirs & successors as well as being Subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliam<sup>t</sup> that now are or hereafter shall be enacted.

3<sup>rd</sup>—That before any division of the land be made to and among the Grantees a tract of land as near the centre of the said Township as the land will admit of shall be reserved and marked out for town lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

4<sup>th</sup>—Yielding and paying therefor to us our heirs and successors on or before the first day of March 1770 the rent of one ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded.

5<sup>th</sup>—That every Proprietor, Settler or inhabitant shall yield and Pay unto us our heirs and successors Yearly and every Year for ever from and after the expiration of one year from the abovesaid first day of March, namely on the first day of March which will be in the year of our Lord 1771, One Shilling Procl<sup>a</sup> Money for every hundred Acres he so owns settles or Possesses and so in proportion for a greater or lesser tract of the said land, which money shall be paid by the respective \*Persons abovesaid \*1-317 their heirs or Assignes in our Council Chamber in Portsm<sup>o</sup> or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same, and this to be in lieu of all other rents and services whatsoever.—

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esq; our Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October in the year of our lord Christ 1768 and in the 8<sup>th</sup> year of our Reign.

J' Wentworth

By his Excellency's Command  
with advice of Council

{ L. S. } T: Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>—

Province of New Hampshire, Octob<sup>r</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1768.—

Recorded according to the Original Charter under the Province Seal.

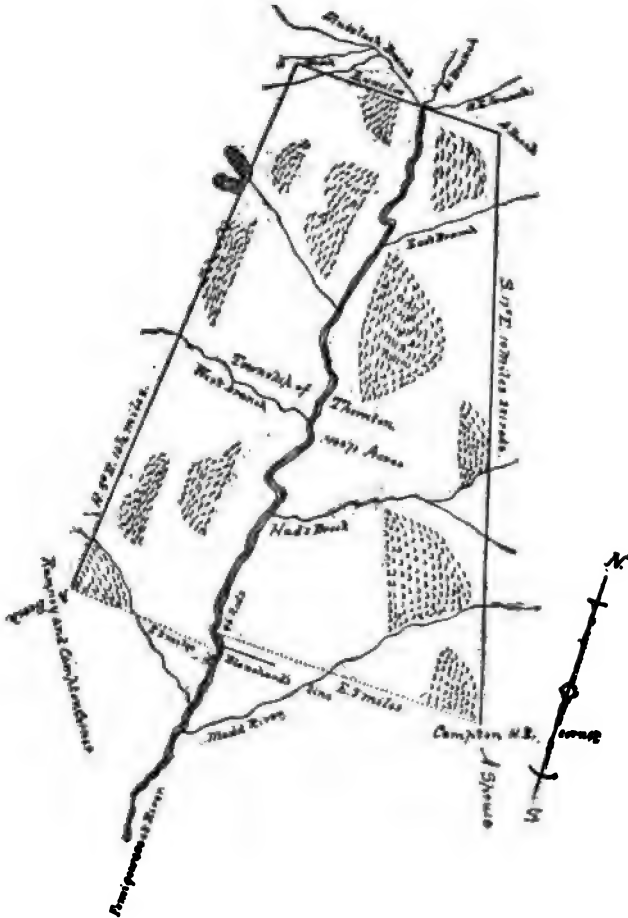
Attest:—T: Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>y</sup>—

NAMES of the Grantees of the Township of THORNTON.

The Hon. Daniel Pierce Esq <sup>r</sup>	Thomas Campbell	Geo: Davidson
Mathew Thornton	Thomas Campbell Jun <sup>r</sup>	James Moore
John Pierce	Johu M <sup>c</sup> Cartney	Henry Moore
Joseph Pierce	James Alexander	John Moore Jun <sup>r</sup>
James Thornton	John Taggart	Noah Moulton
And <sup>m</sup> Thornton	James Taggart	Charles Moore
James Doack	John Swan	Elias Smith
James Doack Jun <sup>r</sup>	Will <sup>m</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Kea	Charles Moore Jun <sup>r</sup>
John Gilmore	Joseph Caldwell	Ebenezer Griffing
Jon <sup>a</sup> Gilmore	Tho <sup>a</sup> Cuninghame	Jon <sup>a</sup> Sewall Esq: of Cambridge
John Moore	William Taylor	William Pyncheon Esq: of Salem
Robert Moore	Hugh Gillice	Robert Temple Es:
Thomas Crisly	William Alld	John Hurd Jun <sup>r</sup>
Andrew Jack	Samuel Alls	Seth Walker
Andrew Jack Jun <sup>r</sup>	William Howard	Samuel Hall of Salem
Samuel Morrison	Hugh Willson	Geo: Brinley
Samuel Morrison jun <sup>r</sup>	William Baley	Titus Salter
Joseph Morrison	Alex <sup>r</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Colem	Jacob Treadwell Jun <sup>r</sup>
Abraham Morrison	Rob <sup>t</sup> M <sup>c</sup> Colem	Hon: John Temple
Joseph Cochran	Geo: Cochran	Col: John Goffe
Isaac Cochran	Peter Cochran	Mark Hunkyn Wentworth
Samuel Cochran	James Campbell	Theo: Atkinson
David Clindinin	James Campbell Jun <sup>r</sup>	Theo: Atkinson Jun <sup>r</sup>
Robert Clindinin	William Boyd	Isaac Rindge Esq:
David Anderson	Geo: Duncan	Rob <sup>t</sup> Dowse
James Anderson	James Duncan	Hon Daniel Rindge
Andrew Clindinin	Peter Paterson	M <sup>r</sup> . Geo. King Dp <sup>y</sup> Sec <sup>y</sup>
David Craige	William Hogg	Robert Boyes
	John Flagg	John Doack.

\*1-318 \*One whole Share for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, one whole Share for a Glebe for the Church of England by law established, one whole Share for the first Setled Minister, and one whole Share for the benefit of a School in said Town.

Province of New Hampshire, October 21<sup>st</sup> 1768.  
Entered and Recorded from the back of the Original Charter of  
Thornton.  
Attest: T: Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>y</sup>



Province of New Hampshire.  
These Certify that this Plan of Thornton containing 40071 Acres,  
is a True Copy of an Original Plan or Survey of said Township as  
taken & returned to me by M<sup>r</sup> John Tolford D<sup>y</sup> S<sup>r</sup>  
Attest: J: Rindge Surv<sup>r</sup> G<sup>l</sup>

## TILTON.

[This was formerly a part of Sanbornton known as *Sanbornton Bridge*. Set off and incorporated June 30, 1869. Named in honor of Nathaniel Tilton, the first settler. A small part of the town was annexed to Sanbornton July 1, 1870, and parts of Sanbornton were annexed to Tilton July 1, 1870, and July 3, 1872.

See papers under title Sanbornton; Index to Laws, 544; sketch, by J. J. Dearborn, Hurd's History of Belknap County, 1885, p. 876; sketch, 8, Granite Monthly, 319; The Arch on a Hill-Top, sketch, by G. H. Moses, 16, *id.*, 151; Central New Hampshire, by G. F. Bacon, 1890, p. 24; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 401.]

## TROY.

[Constituted from parts of Marlborough, Fitzwilliam, Swanzey, and Richmond, and incorporated June 23, 1815. The line between Troy and Marlborough was established June 28, 1847. A portion of the town was annexed to Marlborough June 24, 1870.

See papers under titles of above-mentioned towns; Index to Laws, 551; History, by A. M. Caverly, 1859, pp. 209; sketch, by M. T. Stone, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 346; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 472; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 252; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 11; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 297.]

## UNITY.

[Granted as *Buckingham* Jan. 1, 1753, to John Bissell and others. Regranted July 13, 1764, to Timothy Goodwin and others, and incorporated as Unity. A portion was included in the limits of Goshen, incorporated Dec. 27, 1791. Small tracts of Unity were annexed to Charlestown June 20, 1810, to Claremont Dec. 29, 1828, and to Goshen July 6, 1837.

See XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 576, Index to Laws, 559; sketch, Hurd's History of Sullivan County, 1886, p. 384; Baptist Churches in N. H. by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 12; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 162; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 474.]

[BUCKINGHAM CHARTER, 1753.]

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Buckingham George the Second by the Grace of God of Great  
 Brittain France & Ireland King Defender of the  
 faith &c<sup>a</sup>  
 To All Persons to whom these Presents Shall come  
 Greeting

Know Ye that we of our special Grace Certain knowledge & mere  
 motion for the Due Encouragement of Settling A New Plantation  
 within our Said Province by & with the Advice of our Trusty &  
 well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour And Com-  
 mander in Chieff of our Said Province of New Hampshire in  
 America and of our Council of the Said Province have upon the  
 Conditions & Reservations hereafter made given & Granted and by  
 these Presents for us our heirs & Successors Do Give & Grant in Equal  
 Shares unto our Loveing Subjects Inhabitants of our s<sup>d</sup> Province  
 of New Hampshire and his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Other Governments and to their  
 heirs and Assignes for ever whose names Are Entered on this Grant  
 to be Divided to And Amongst them into Seventy five Equall Shares  
 All that Tract or Parcel of Land Scituate Lying & being within our  
 Province of New Hampshire Containing by Admeasurement Twenty  
 Three thousand & forty Acres which Tract is to Contain Six Miles  
 Square & no more out of which An Allowence is to be made for  
 high ways & unimproveable Lands by Rocks Mountains Ponds &  
 Rivers One thousand & forty Acres free According to a Plan  
 thereof made & Presented by our said Governours orders and here-  
 unto annexed Butted & bounded as follows Viz Begining at a Stake  
 & Stones at the North Westerly Corner of Burnet and runs East by  
 the Needle Six miles & two hundred & Twenty Eight rods to A  
 Stake & Stones thence runs North by the needle Six Miles & Two  
 hundred & forty rods to A Stake & Stones then runs West by the  
 Needle four Miles Two hundred & fifty six rods to A Stake & Stones  
 thence runs South Seventeen Degrees West five Miles & one hundred  
 & Twenty Eight rods to A Stake & Stones thence runs South by the  
 Needle One mile & one hundred & sixty rods to where it began and  
 that the same be & is Incorporated into a Township by the name  
 of Buckingham and that the Inhabitants that do or Shall hereafter  
 Inhabit said Township are hereby Declared to be Enfranchized with  
 & intituled to all and every the Previlidges & Im'unities That  
 Other Towns within our Said Province by Law Exercise &  
 Enjoy And further that the Said \*Town as soon as there \*1-140  
 Shall be fifty families resident & thereon Settled Shall have

the Liberty of holding two fairs one of which shall be held on the \_\_\_\_\_ and the other on the \_\_\_\_\_ Annually which fairs are not to Continue & be held Longer than the Respective \_\_\_\_\_ following the Said respective days and as Soon as the Said Town shall Consist of fifty families A market Shall be Opened & kept one or more Days in Each week as may be tho' most Advantagious to the Inhabitants Also That the first Meeting for the Choice of Town officers agreeable to the Laws of our said Province Shall be held on the Second Tuesday in March next which Meeting Shall be Notified by Will<sup>m</sup> Symes Esq—who is hereby Also Appointed the Moderator of the Said first meeting which he is to—Notify & Govern agreeable to the Laws & Customs of our Said Province and that the Annual Meeting forever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers of said Town Shall be on the Second Tuesday in March Annually To HAVE & TO HOLD the Said Tract of Land as above Expressed together with all the Previledges & Appurtenances to them & their Respective heirs and assignes forever upon the following Conditions (Viz) That every Grantee his heirs or assignes Shall Plant or Cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres Contained in his or thier Share or Proportion of Land in Said Township and Continue to Improve and Settle the Same by Additional Cultivations on Penalty of the forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the Said Township and its reverting to his Majesty his heirs & Successors to be by him or them regranted to such of his Subjects as Shall Effectually Settle & Cultivate the Same That all white & other Pine Trees within the said Township fit for Masting our Royal Navy be Carefully Preserved for that Use & none to be Cut or felled without his Majestys Especial Lycence for so Doing first had & Obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the right of Such Grantee his heirs & assigns to us our heirs & Successors as well as being subject to the Penalty of Any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are or hereafter Shall be Enacted

That before Any Divission of the said Lands be made to \*1-141 and \*Amongst the Grantees A Tract of Land as near the Center of the Township as the Land will Admit of Shall be reserved And Marked Out for Town Lotts one of which Shall be Allotted to Each Grantee of the Contents of One Acre Yielding & Paying therefor to us our heirs & Successors for the Space of ten Years to be Computed from the Date hereof the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn on the first Day of January Annually if Lawfully Demanded the first Payment to be made on the first Day of January next after the Date hereof And Every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant Shall Yield & Pay unto us our heirs & Successors Yearly & every

Year forever from and After the Expiration of the Ten Years from the Date hereof namely on the first Day of January which will be in the Year of Our Lord Christ one thousand Seven hundred & Sixty four One Shilling Proclamation money for every hundred Acres he So owns Settles or Possesses and So in Proportion for A Greater or Lesser Tract of the Said Land which money Shall be paid by the Respective Persons above Said their heirs or Assigns in Our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such officer or officers as Shall be Appointed to receive the Same and this to be in Lieu of All other rents & services whatsoever In Testimony Hereof We have Caused the Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto Affixed Wittness Benning Wentworth Esq our Govenour & Commander in Chieff of our Said Province the first Day of January in the Year of our Lord Christ 1753 and in the 26<sup>th</sup> Year of our reign—

B Wentworth

By his Excellencys Com'and  
with Advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Entered And recorded According to the Original under the Province Seal this first Day of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1753—

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>—

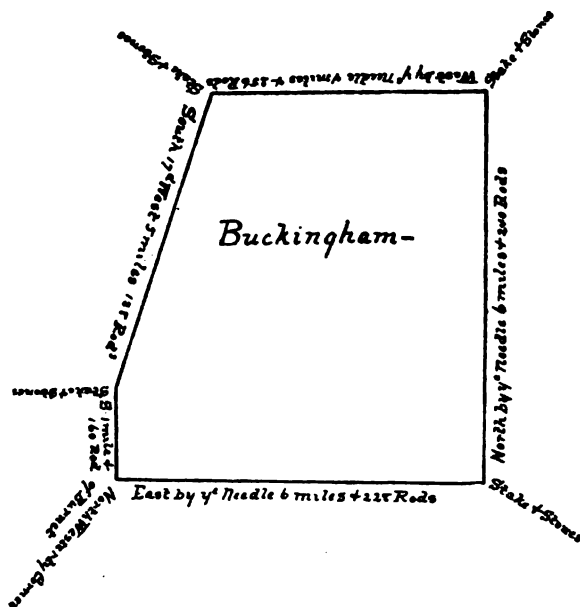
The Names of the Grantees of Buckingham (Viz)

John Bissell,	Jabez Bissell,	Joseph Bissell,
Joseph Stiles,	Peter Stiles,	John Trott,
Henry Trott,	Benjamin Trott,	James Stiles
Andrew Stiles,	Peter Ellsworth,	William Ellsworth
William Grizell,	James Grizell,	Stephen Chapman
Charles Chapman,	John Allen,	William Allen,
Amasa Allen,	Stephen Burbanks,	John Burbanks,
James Burbanks,	Phineas Burbanks,	John King,
William King,	Peter Auestin	James King,
Joseph King,	John Austin,	W <sup>m</sup> Austin,
*James Leavett,	John Leavet,	John Sheldon, *1-140
James Sheldon,	Ezra Sheldon,	Ezra Chernon,
Nicholas Chermon,	John Buckman,	James Buckman,
William Kant,	John Kant,	John Clements
John Clements jun <sup>r</sup>	William Pumroy,	James Gilson,
Joseph Gillet,	Stephen Gillett,	Stephen Wright,
Ezra Wright,	William Taylor,	John Tylor,
John Belding,	Noah Belding,	Joseph Belding
William Buckman,	Charles Buckman,	Henry Chapman,
Stephen Tylor,	William Symes,	John Wentworth jun <sup>r</sup>

John Chapman, Charles Chapman, Henry Sherburne,  
 Theodore Atkinson, Ellis Huske, Richard Wibird,  
 Samuel Smith, John Downing, Samuel Solley,  
 Sampson Sheaffe his Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq A Tract of  
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 of the within Shares, One whole Share for the Incorporated Society  
 for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts, one whole Share  
 for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel in said Town one whole  
 Share for A Glebe for the Ministry of the Church of England as by  
 Law Established

Entered And recorded from the back of the Charter of Buckingham  
 the first of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1753

⌘ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>



Taken from the Plan on the Back of the Original Charter of Buck-  
 ingham

⌘ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>



[UNITY CHARTER, 1764.]

\*Province of New-Hampshire.

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Unity

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GEORGE THE THIRD,

By the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come,*  
Greeting.

KNOW Ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, in *New-England*, and of Our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in — unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into such Shares & Proportions as the Major part shall agree upon all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, Twenty nine thousand *Acres*, which Tract is to contain something more than Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, Viz. Beginning at the North Easterly Corner of Charlestown & from thence running S° 78<sup>ds</sup> East about 5 miles to the S: Westerly Corner of Newport then by Newport S° 63<sup>ds</sup> E<sup>t</sup> about 6½ miles to the S: E: Corner thereof, thence S° 10<sup>ds</sup> West about 1½ mile to Lempster Northerly side Line, then west about 11 miles by Lempster & New Burnet to the Easterly side Line of Charlestown aforesaid, then Northerly by Charlestown Line as that runs to the N: E: Corner thereof, the bounds began at. And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Unity And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident

and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the \_\_\_\_\_ And the other on the \_\_\_\_\_ annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the respective \_\_\_\_\_ following the said \_\_\_\_\_ and that as soon as the said

Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be  
 \*3-190 \*opened and kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants.

Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held at such time & place as the Moderator hereafter app<sup>d</sup> shall think most Advantag<sup>e</sup> for the Grantees which said Meeting shall be Notified by Ebenezer Stevens Esq<sup>r</sup> who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the \_\_\_\_\_ of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of

*December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*. 1764

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the above-said twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1774 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof, we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the Thirteenth Day of July In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty four And in the fourth Year of Our Reign.

B: Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,  
With Advice of COUNCIL,

Province of New Hampshire June 11<sup>th</sup> 1767

Recorded according to the Original Charter under the Province Seal

Att<sup>d</sup> ¶:

\*Names of the Grantees of the Township of UNITY— \*3-191

Timothy Goodwin	Daniel Hadley	Samuel Plumer
Caleb Emerson	Peter Morss	Obadiah Wills
Barth <sup>m</sup> Heath	Moses Kimball	Joseph Sawyer
Enoch Sawyer	Nathan Goodwin	Thomas William's
David Hadley	John Muzzy	Nath <sup>l</sup> Heath
Edmond Sawyer	John Bond	Edmund Morss
Nath <sup>l</sup> Merrill	Jesse Johnson	William Marshall
Joseph Pillsbury	John Webster	Daniel Little
Benj <sup>n</sup> Emerson	Otho Stevens	Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Copp
Samuel Stevens	Joshua Copp	Peter Eastman
Benjamin Kimball	David Hale	Abel Merrill
John Atwood	George Little	John Bartlett
Daniel Johnson	Archelaus Stevens	Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Hale



## WAKEFIELD.

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors April 27, 1749, to John Ham and others, and variously known as *Ham's-town*, *East-town*, and *Watertown*. Incorporated as Wakefield August 30, 1774. All that part of the town north of Province Pond was annexed to Effingham June 22, 1820. A portion of Milton was annexed to Wakefield June 23, 1858.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 127, 456, 788; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 588; Index to Laws, 564; sketch, by A. H. Thompson, Fergusson's History of Carroll County, 1889, p. 462; papers under titles Coulerain and Kingswood; Lawrence's New Hampshire Churches, 1856, p. 596; Memorial of 100th Anniversary of Organization of First Church, 1886.]

## [WAKEFIELD INCORPORATED, 1774.]

\*Province of } George the third by the grace of \*4-215  
New Hampshire } God of Great Britain Franc and Ire-  
land King Defender of the Faith &c\*

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TO ALL PEOPLE to whom these presents shall come greeting

WHEREAS Our loyal Subjects Inhabitants of a Tract WAKEFEILD of Land within Our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid commonly called and known by the name of East town containing by estimation about six Miles square have humbly petitioned & requested us that they may be erected & incorporated into a Township and enfranchised with the same Powers & Priveleges which other Towns within Our said Province by Law have & enjoy and it appearing to Us to be conducive to the general good of our said Province as well as of the said Inhabitants in particular by maintaining good order & encouraging the culture of the Land that the same should be done KNOW YE that We of our special Grace

\*certain knowledge and for the encouragement & promo- \*4-216  
tion of the good purposes and ends aforesaid by and with the advice of Our trusty and wellbeloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq Our Governor and Commander in cheif of our said Province & of our Council of the same have erected & ordained & by these Presents for Us Our Heirs Successors do will and ordain that the Inhabitants of said Tract of Land and Others who shall improve & inhabit therein hereafter the same being butted & bounded as follows viz ' Beginning at the Northeast Corner of the Township of Rochester at Newichewanick River and from said River runing westerly by the

head Line of Rochester five Miles & from that extent upon a strait Line parallell with the general Cource of the said River as a strait Line may be run at the said River & continuing the breadth of five Miles adjoining said River & bounds of the Province so far northwardly as to make equal to six Miles square in such form as that the head or northerly Boundary shall be a Line parallell with the head Line of Rochester & the westerly side Line to be strait from Rochester Line to the head Line of said tract of Land be and they are hereby declared to be a Town corporate by the name of WAKEFEILD to have continuance forever with all the Powers and Authorities Privileges Immunities and Franchises which any other Towns in Our said Province by Law hold and enjoy to the said Inhabitants or those who shall hereafter inhabit there & to their Successors forever always reserving to Us Our Heirs and Successors all White pine Trees are or shall be found being & growing within and upon the said Tract of Land fit for the use of Our Royal Navy, Reserving also unto Us Our Heirs and Successors the Power of dividing said Town when it shall appear necessary & convenient for the Inhabitants thereof—Provided nevertheless and it is hereby declared that this Charter & Grant is not intended and shall not in any manner be construed to affect the private Property of the Soil within the Limits aforesaid

And as the several Towns within Our said Province are by the Laws thereof enabled & authorised to assemble and by the majority of the Voters present to chuse all Officers & trans-  
 \*4-217 act \*such Affairs as in the said Laws are declared, We do by these presents nominate and appoint Captain David Copps to call the first Meeting of the said Inhabitants to be held within the said Town at any time within Seventy days from the date hereof giving legal notice of the time and design of holding such Meeting after which the annual Meeting for said Town shall be held for the choice of said Officers and the Purposes aforesaid on the first Tuesday in the Month of March annually

IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness our aforesaid Governor and Commander in cheif this thirtieth day of August in the fourteenth Year of Our reign Annoque Domini 1774— J Wentworth

By his Excellency's command  
 with advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>r</sup>

Recorded according to the original Charter under the Province Seal this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 1774

Attest<sup>r</sup> Geo: King D Sec<sup>r</sup>

## WALPOLE.

[This town was *Number 3* in the line of towns on the east side of Connecticut River. Granted by Massachusetts, Nov., 1736, to John Flint and others. Granted by New Hampshire Feb. 13, 1752, to Benjamin Bellows and others, and incorporated as Walpole. It was also sometimes called *Great Falls* and *Bellows-town*. The charter was renewed March 12, 1761. The privilege of a ferry across the Connecticut at this place was granted to Benjamin Bellows Aug. 18, 1773. Col. Enoch Hale, of Rindge, was authorized to build a toll-bridge over the river at Bellows Falls Dec. 31, 1783. A tract of land from the north part of the town was combined with a part of Charlestown to make up the town of Langdon Jan. 11, 1787.

See Massachusetts charters preceding; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 394, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 592; Index to Laws, 566; sketch, by M. A. Bellows, 4, Mass. Historical Society Collections, 124; Walpole As It Was And As It Is, 1749 to 1879, by George Aldrich, 1880, pp. 404, particularly p. 20, as to grant of Walpole territory by authority of New York; sketch, by same, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 405; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 484; History and Antiquities of the Name and Family of Kilbourn, by Payne Kenyon Kilbourn, 1856, pp. 444 and 44, particularly p. 81, as to the settlement of Walpole by John Kilbourn; Narratives and Traditions of the Bellows Family, by Emily R. Barnes, 1888, p. 384; Walpole Celebration; Letter from Thomas Fessenden, 4, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 290; Memoir of Jeremiah Mason, by R. M. Mason, 1873; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 162; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 299; Attack of the Indians, 1755, 2, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 49; Reminiscences of J. Kilbourn, 1749-63, 2, American Pioneer, 402; Historical Sketch of Benjamin Bellows, at dedication of Bellows Monument, by H. W. Bellows, 1885; Re-Opening of Town Hall, 1887; Offering of Lunenburg, Mass., to Cheshire County, by E. S. Stearns, 2, Proceedings of N. H. Historical Society, 92.]

## [WALPOLE CHARTER, 1752.]

\*Province of New Hampshire

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GEORGE the Second by the Grace of GOD of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c—

Walpole

To ALL Persons to whom these Presents Shall Come Greeting

KNOW YE that We of our Especial Grace Certain knowledge & Mere Motion for the due Encouragement of Settling A New Plantation within our S<sup>d</sup> Province By & with the Advice of Our Trusty &

well beloved BENNING WENTWORTH Esq our Governour & Com-  
 'ander in Chieff of our S<sup>d</sup> Province of New Hampshire in America  
 & of our Council of the Said Province have upon the Conditions &  
 reservations hereafter made Given & Granted & By these Presents  
 for us our heirs & Successors do give & Grant in Equal Shares unto  
 our Loving Subjects inhabitants of our Said Province of New Hamp-  
 shire & his Maj<sup>ty</sup> Other Governments and to their heirs and Assignes  
 for ever whose names Are Entred on this Grant to be Divided to and  
 Amongst them into Sixty Seven Equal Shares All that Tract or  
 Parcel of Land Scituate Lying & being within our Province of New  
 Hampshire Containing by Admeasurement twenty three thousand and  
 forty Acres which Tract is to Contain Six Miles Square & no more out  
 of which an Allowance is to be made for high ways & unimprovable  
 Lands by Rocks Mountains Ponds & Rivers One thousand & forty  
 Acres free According to A Plan thereof made & Presented by  
 our Said Governour's orders & hereunto Annexed Butted &  
 bounded As follows—(Viz)—Beginning at the Stake & Stones  
 near Connecticut River which is the North West Corner of  
 Westmorland from thence Extending Notherly by Connecticut  
 River to the South West Corner of a Tract of Land Called  
 Number four from thence to Extend South Seventy Eight Degrees  
 East And A line from the first Bounds mentioned of the Same Course  
 (Viz) South Seventy Eight degrees East each line so far as to Include  
 the Contents of Six miles Square between the Said River & A North  
 & South Line by the Needle on the East closeing the bounds  
 Afore Said and that the Same be & is incorporated into a Town-  
 ship by the name of WALPOLE and that the Inhabitants that do  
 or Shall hereafter Inhabit Said Township Are hereby Declared  
 to be Enfranchized with and Entituled to all & every the Prev-  
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 March next which meeting Shall be notified by Benjamin Bellows  
 who is hereby Also Appointed y<sup>e</sup> Moderator of the Said first meeting



which he is to Notify & Govern Agreeable to the Laws & Customs of our Said Province And that the Annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of Such Officers of Said Town Shall be on the third Wednesday in March Annually To have & to hold the Said Tract of Land as above Expressed Together with all the Priviledges and Appurtinances to them & their respective heirs & Assigns for ever upon the following Conditions (Viz)—that every Grantee his heirs or Assigns Shall Plant or Cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres Contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in S<sup>d</sup> Township & Continue to Improve & Settle the Same by Additional Cultivations on Penalty of the forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the Said Township & its reverting to his Maj<sup>ty</sup> his heirs & Successors to be by him or them regranted to Such of his Subjects as Shall Effectually Settle & Cultivate the Same That all white & other Pine Trees within the Said Township fit for masting our Royal Navy be carefully Preserved for that use & none to be Cut or felld without his Majesties Especial Lycence for So doing first had & obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the right of Such Grantee his heirs & Assignes to us our heirs & Successors, as well as being Subject to the Penalty of Any Act or Acts of Parliament that now Are or hereafter Shall be Enacted That before any Divission of the Said Lands be made to And Amoungst the Grantees A Tract of Land as near the Center of the Township as the Land will Admit of Shall be reserved & marked out for Town Lotts one of which Shall be Allotted \*to Each Grantee of the Contents of One \*1-97 Acre Yeilding & Paying therefor to us our heirs & Successors for the Space of Ten years to be Computed from the Date hereof the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only on the first Day of Jan<sup>ry</sup> Annually if Lawfully Demanded the first Payment to be made On the first day of January next following the Date hereof Every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant Shall Yield & Pay unto us our heirs & Successors Yearly & Every year for ever from And After the Expiration of the ten Years from the Date hereof namely on the first Day of January which will be in the Year of our LORD CHRIST One thousand Seven hundred & Sixty Two One Shilling Proclamation money for every hundred Acres he so owns Settles or Possesses & So in Proportion for a Greater or Lesser Tract of the Said Land which money Shall be paid by the respective persons abovesaid their heirs or Assigns In our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to Such officer or officers as Shall be appointed to receive the Same And this to be in Lieu of all other rents & Services whatsoever In Testimony hereof We have Caused the seal of our Said Province to be hereunto Affixed Wittness BENNING WENTWORTH Esq our Governour & Com-

mander in Chieff of our s<sup>d</sup> Province the thirteenth of Feb<sup>r</sup> in the Year of Our Lord Christ 1752 and in the Twenty fifth year of Our Reign—

B Wentworth

By his Excelencys Com'and  
with Advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>r</sup>

Entred & recorded According to the Original Charter und<sup>r</sup> the Province Seal the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of Feb<sup>r</sup> 1752—

⌘ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>r</sup>—

The Names of the Grantees of Walpole—Viz—

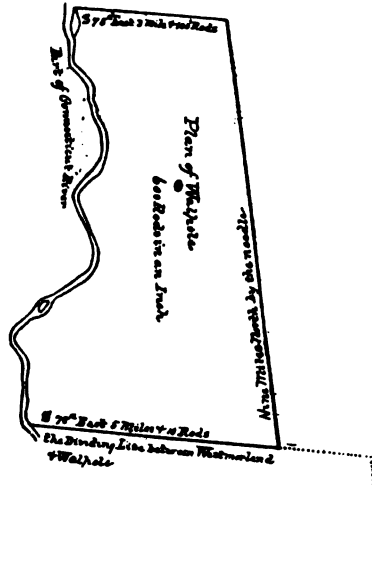
Benjamin Bellows	Ebenezer Harris	Abijah Willard
Joshua Moor	Levi Willard	Abel Willard
John Sterns	Thomas Sterns	Samuel Gibbs
Benjamin Gary	Timothy Bancroft	Samuel Hunt
Amos Kimbal	Ephraim Kimbel	Paul Wetherby
William Sterns	John Litch	Jonathan Willard
Robert Clerk	John Spafford	Barzilia Willard
Joseph Goodridge	Nehemiah Gould	Caleb Willard
Moses Gould jun <sup>r</sup>	Jonathan Wetherby	Peter Bellows
Benjamin Taylor	Samuel Johnson jun <sup>r</sup>	William Down
*1-98 *Benjamin Bellows jun <sup>r</sup>	Timothy Harrington	Abijah Sterns
John Averil	Stanton Prentice	John Bellows
Jerahmeel Powers	Samuel Moor	Jonah Moor
John Taylor	Joseph Bellows	Joseph Sterns
Jonathan Bradstreet jun <sup>r</sup>	Moses Gould	Benjamin Sterns
John Darling jun <sup>r</sup>	Paul Crocker	John Russell
Thomas Brown	William Spear	Sampson French
Joseph Win	Joseph Blodget jun <sup>r</sup>	Joshua Willard
William Nutting	John Darling	

His Excelency Benning Wentworth Esq one Tract of Land to Contain Five hundred Acres which is to be Accounted two of the S<sup>d</sup> Shares, one whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagateing the Gospel in Foreign Partes One whole Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel in S<sup>d</sup> Town, One whole Share for A Glebe for the ministry of the Church of England as by Law Estab-lished,—Theodore Atkinson, Richard Wibird, Samuel Smith, John Downing Sampson Sheaffe John Wentworth jun<sup>r</sup>—

Attest<sup>r</sup> Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>r</sup>

Entred & recorded from the Back of the Charter for Walpole this 13<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> 1752

⌘ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>r</sup>



Taken from the Plan on the Original Charter of Walpole the 13<sup>th</sup> of Feb<sup>r</sup> 1752—

✂ Theodore Atkinson Se<sup>r</sup>

[WALPOLE CHARTER RENEWED, 1761.]

\*Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>

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Walpole George the Third by the Grace of God of great  
Chart<sup>r</sup> Lengthned Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the  
Faith &c<sup>a</sup>

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To all to whome these Presents Shall come Greeting  
Whereas our late Royal Grandfather King George the  
Second of glorious Memory did of his Special Grace &  
Mere Motion for the Due Encouragement of Settling A New Planta-  
tion within our Said Prov of New Hampshire by his Letters Patent  
or Charter under the Seal of our Said Province Dated the Thirteenth  
Day of Feb<sup>r</sup> in the Twenty fifth Year of his reign grant a Tract of  
Land equal to Six Miles Square bounded as therein Expressed to a  
Number of our Loyal Subjects whose Names are entred on the Same  
to hold to them their Heirs and assigns on the Conditions therein

declared to be A Town Corporate by the Name of Walpole as by reference to the s<sup>d</sup> Charter may more fully Appear

And Whereas the s<sup>d</sup> Grantees have Represented that by the Intervention of an Indian War since making the Said Grant it has been Impracticable to comply with & fullfill the Conditions afores<sup>d</sup> & Humbly Supplicated us not to take advantage of the Breach of Said Conditions but to Lengthen out & Grant them some reasonable Time for Performance thereof after the Said Impedim<sup>t</sup> Shall cease—

Now Know Ye that We being Willing to Promote the End Proposed have of our Further grace & Favour suspended our Claim of the Forfeiture which the Said Grantees may have incurrd and by these Presents do grant unto the Said Grantees their heirs & assignes the Term of one Year for Performing & fullfilling the Conditions Matters & Things by them to be done which Term is to be renewed Annually until Our Plenary Instructions Shall be receiv'd relative to the Incident that has prevented a Compliance with the Said Charter according to the Intent & meaning thereof

In Testimony whereof We have caused the Seal of our Said Prov<sup>o</sup> to be hereunto Affixed Wittness Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Commander in Chieffe of our Province aforesaid the Twelfth Day of March in the First Year of our Reign Annoq Domini One thousand Seven hundred & Sixty one 1761—

B Wentworth

By his Excellencys Com<sup>d</sup>  
with advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Recorded According to the Original Charter under the Province Seal the 12th Day of March 1761

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

[GRANT TO THEODORE ATKINSON, 1772.]

\*4-182 \*Province of } George the third by the grace of God  
New Hampshire } of Great Britain France and Ireland  
King Defender of the Faith &c<sup>a</sup>

{ P S }

To all to whom these presents shall come greeting

Whereas our late Royal Grandfather King George the second glorious Memory did of his special Grace certain knowledge and meer motion by his Letters patent or Charter under the Seal of our s<sup>d</sup> Province dated the thirteenth day of February in the twenty fifth Year of his reign grant a tract of Land of about six Miles

Col<sup>o</sup> Atkinson's  
Grant of an  
Island near  
Walpole

square by the name of Walpole bounded as therein is expressed to a number of our loyal Subjects whose names are entered on the same upon certain conditions and reservations in said Patent mentioned and to be divided to and amongst them into sixty seven equal Shares which said Tract is bounded on the Eastern Side of Connecticut River in which River is a small Island containing about eight Acres situated lying and being contiguous to Walpole aforesaid and was always deemed and taken as part thereof and was accordingly included in the division of the said Township of Walpole & expressly mentioned in the Share allotted to Theodore Atkinson Esquire who has been in the quiet and uninterrupted possession thereof as part of the Share allotted him in the said division And he having already performed the conditions of cultivation paying the Quitrents &c for his Share of Land in the said Township in which the said Island is included and praying he may have a Grant of the said Island which \*appearing reasonable Know YE that We of \*4-183 our especial Grace certain knowledge and meer motion and for and in consideration of the Premises have and by and with the advice of our trusty and well beloved John Wentworth Esquire our Governor and Commander in chief of our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid and of our Council of the said Province given and granted and by these Presents do give and grant unto the said Theodore Atkinson and to his Heirs and Assigns forever the aforementioned Island with all the Priveleges and Appurtenances thereunto belonging

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province of New Hampshire to be hereunto affixed Witness John Wentworth Esquire our aforesaid Governor and Commander in chief of our said Province at Portsmouth the twenty third day of January in the twelfth Year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1772.

J: Wentworth

By his Excellency's command  
with advice of Council

Geo: King Dep<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

Recorded according to the original Charter under the Province Seal this eleventh day of December 1773—

Attes<sup>t</sup> Geo: King Dep<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

## [BELLOWS'S FERRY, 1773.]

\*4-166 \*Province of } GEORGE the third by the grace of  
 New Hampshire } God of Great Britain France & Ireland  
 King Defender of the Faith &c\*

{ P S }

To all People to whom these presents shall come greeting

KNOW YE we of our special grace certain knowl-  
 Bellows's Ferry edge and meer motion by and with the advice  
 \*4-167 \*of our trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH ESQ<sup>r</sup>  
 our Governor and Commander in cheif in and over our  
 said Province of New Hampshire in New England have given  
 and granted and by these Presents for us our Heirs and Succes-  
 sors do give and grant unto our loyal & faithful Subject Benjamin  
 Bellows of Walpole in our County of Cheshire and Province of  
 New Hampshire aforesaid Esquire the sole right of keeping a Ferry  
 and of keeping using & employing a Ferryboat or Boats for the  
 transporting of Men Horses Goods Cattle Carriages &c\* across  
 Connecticut River in the said Town of Walpole beginning at the  
 Landing-place from whence the said Benjamin Bellows now ferrys  
 over and to extend one half Mile above & one half mile below  
 the said Landing place on the said River TO HOLD the said  
 Ferry and privilege of a Ferry with all ferriage advantages emolu-  
 ments perquisites and profits thereunto belonging to him the said  
 Benjamin Bellows his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns  
 from the day of the date hereof to his and their only proper use  
 Benefit & behoof forever upon the following conditions viz<sup>t</sup> That he  
 and they shall at all times keep such Boat or Boats and give such  
 attendance and behave as the now (or any hereafter) Laws do or  
 may require on Penalty of forfeiting this Grant and of its reverting  
 to us our Heirs and Successors

And as a farther encouragement to the said Benjamin Bellows in  
 and about the Premises We will that none of our loving Subjects do  
 presume to molest or interrupt the said Benjamin Bellows in his said  
 Ferry or set up any other Ferry upon or across the said River Con-  
 necticut within one half Mile above and one half mile below the  
 Ferry of the said Benjamin Bellows as the River runs

\*4-168 IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the \*Seal of our  
 said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness our afore-  
 said Governor and Commander in cheif the eighteenth day of August  
 in the thirteenth Year of our reign Annoque Domini 1773

J Wentworth

By his Excellency's command  
with advice of Council  
Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Recorded according to the original Charter under the Province  
Seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 1778—

Attest<sup>r</sup> Geo : King D Sec<sup>r</sup>

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WARNER.

[This town was *Number 1* in the line of towns from Merrimack to Connecticut River, and was granted Jan. 16, 1735-6, to Thomas Stevens and others, many of whom were from Amesbury, Mass. The town was called *New Amesbury* or *Almsbury*. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors March 14, 1749-50, to Richard Jenness and others, inhabitants of Rye, and called *Jenness-town* and *Rye-town*. Regranted Dec. 24, 1767, to Jonathan Barnard and others, Incorporated as Warner Sept. 3, 1774, and named in honor of Col. Jonathan Warner, of Portsmouth. Kearsarge Gore was annexed June 13, 1818.

See Massachusetts charters preceding, and Masonian Papers in following volumes ; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 789; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 612; Index to Laws, 568; sketch by Moses Long, 3, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 179; History, by Walter Harriman, 1879, pp. 581; sketch, by F. M. Colby, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1886, p. 653; Stewart's History of the Free Baptist, 1862, p. 162; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 22; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 414; discourse, centennial celebration of Congregational Church, by H. S. Huntington, 1872; Life of Walter Harriman, by Amos Hadley, 1888; Bills of Mortality, 1817-22, 2, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 200; Rambles about a Country Town, by F. M. Colby, in *Independent and Times*, 1892-1895; Proceedings at Dedication of Pillsbury Free Library, 1891.]

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[WARNER INCORPORATED, 1774.]

\*Province of— } GEORGE the third by the grace of \*4-217  
New Hampshire } God of Great Britain France & Ireland  
KING Defender of the Faith &c



To all People to whom these presents shall come  
Greeting

WHEREAS Our loyal Subjects Inhabitants of a Tract  
WARNER of Land within Our Province of New Hampshire  
aforesaid commonly called & known by the Name of New Almsbury  
containing by estimation six Miles square have humbly petitioned &  
requested Us that they may be erected & incorporated into a Town-  
ship & enfranchised with the same powers & privileges which other  
Towns within our said Province by Law have and enjoy and it

appearing to us to be conducive to the general Good of our said Province as well as of the said Inhabitants in particular by maintaining good order & encouraging the culture of the Land that the same should be done

\*4-218 \*KNOW YE that We of Our special grace certain knowledge and for the encouragement & promotion of the good Purposes and ends aforesaid by and with the advice of our trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor and Commander in cheif of our said Province & of Our Council of the same have erected & ordained and by these Presents for Us Our Heirs and Successors do will and ordain that the Inhabitants of said Tract of Land & others who shall improve & inhabit therein hereafter the same being buttet & bounded as follows viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at a Place called and known by the name of Contoocook thence runing North fifteen degrees West six Miles then runing from each end of this Line West five degrees South six Miles then crossing and runing over on a Strait Course from one end of these last mentioned Lines at the end of the said six Miles to the other so as to make up the quantity of six Miles square and no more be and they are hereby declared to be a Town corporate by the name of WARNER to have continuance forever with all the Powers and Authorities Priveleges immunities & Franchises which any other Towns in our said Province by Law hold and enjoy to the said Inhabitants or those who shall hereafter inhabit there and to their Successors forever always reserving to Us Our Heirs and Successors all white Pine Trees that are or shall be found being & growing within & upon the said Tract of Land fit for the Use of Our Royal Navy Reserving unto Us our Heirs and Successors the Power of dividing said Town when it shall appear necessary & convenient for the Inhabitants thereof—Provided nevertheless and it is hereby declared that this Charter & Grant is not intended & shall not in any manner be construed to affect the private Property of the Soil within the Limits aforesaid

And as the several Towns within our said Province are by the Laws thereof enabled & authorised to assemble and by the Majority of the Voters present to chuse all Officers & transact all  
 \*4-219 such Affairs as in the said Laws are declared \*We do by these Presents nominate and appoint Captain Francis Davis to call the first Meeting of the said Inhabitants to be held within the said Town at any time within Sixty days from the date hereof—giving legal Notice of the time & design of holding such Meeting after which the annual Meeting for said Town shall be held for the choice of said Officers & the Purposes aforesaid on the first Tuesday in the Month of March annually



IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness our aforesaid Governor and Commander in chief this third day of September in the fourteenth Year of our reign Annoque Domini 1774

J Wentworth

By his Excellency's command  
with advice of Council  
Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Recorded according to the original Charter under the Province Seal this fourth day of September 1774

Attest<sup>r</sup> Geo: King Dep<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>r</sup>

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WARREN.

[Granted July 14, 1763, to John Page and others, and incorporated by its present name, in honor of Admiral Sir Peter Warren of the British navy. The charter was renewed and a tract of additional territory granted July 5, 1770. The boundaries of the town were settled by a committee which reported Sept. 4, 1784.

See XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 623; Index to Laws, 569; History, by William Little, 1854, pp. 170; History, by William Little, 1870, pp. 592; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 630; About the Names of Moosilauke and Other Places, by William Little, 10, Granite Monthly, 357; The White Mountains, A Guide to their Interpretation, by J. H. Ward, 1890, p. 192; In the Heart of the White Mountains, by S. A. Drake, 1882, p. 267; Notes of Two Ascents of Mt. Carr, by W. M. Beaman, 5, Appalachia, 153; Moosilauke, 1, Granite Monthly, 141; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 581.]

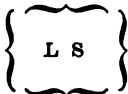
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[WARREN CHARTER, 1763.]

\*Province of New-Hampshire.

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Warren



GEORGE THE THIRD,

By the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.*

KNOW Ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, in

*New-England*, and of Our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy two equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, 22000 Acres, which Tract is to contain almost Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Beginning at the North Westerly Corner of Romney thence Runing North Twenty four Degrees East five Miles & three Quarters of a Mile thence Turning off & Running North 58<sup>d</sup> West Six Miles & one half Mile to the South Easterly Corner of Haverhill then South 20<sup>d</sup> West five Miles & three Quarters of a Mile then turning off again & Runs South 59<sup>d</sup> East Six Miles to the corner of Romney began at And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Warren And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the

And the other on the  
annually, which Fairs are not to continue longer than the  
respective following the said and

that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families,  
\*3-79 a Market may be \*opened and kept one or more Days in  
each Week, as may be thought most advantageous to the  
Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town  
Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on  
the Second We'nsday in February next which said Meeting shall be  
Notified by John Page Esq who is hereby also appointed the  
Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and  
Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province;  
and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of  
such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the first Wednesday of

*March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs and Successors, to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a Tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*. 1763

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1773 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq;

Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the  
14 Day of July In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand  
Seven Hundred and Sixty three And in the Third Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,  
With Advice of COUNCIL,  
T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Province of New Hampshire Jan<sup>ry</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1764

Recorded from the Original Charter under the Province Seal

Ⓢ T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

\*Names of the Grantees of Warren

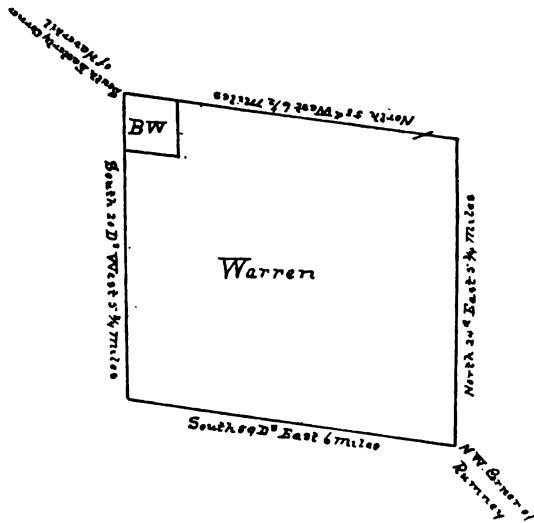
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John Page Esq	Ebenezer Collins	Francis Bachelor
Jonathan Greeley Esq	Ebenezer Page	Joseph Greely
James Graves	Samuel Page	John Bachelor
Joseph Blanchard Esq	Moses Page	Jacob Gale
Cap <sup>t</sup> John Hazzen	John Page Jun <sup>r</sup>	John Darling
Ephraim Browne	Ephraim Page	Cap <sup>t</sup> John Parker
Joseph Whicher	Enoch Page	Jon <sup>a</sup> Greeley Tertius
Reuben French	Benjamin French	Enoch Chase
Samuel Osgood	Aaron Clough Jun <sup>r</sup>	Samuel Graves
Thomas True	Silas Nowel	David Merrill
David Clough	Jacob Hook Esq	Nath <sup>l</sup> Currier
Daniel Page	Josiah Bartlett	Benj <sup>a</sup> Clough
Joseph Page	Peter Coffin Jun <sup>r</sup>	Henry Morrill
Belcher Dowle	William Parker Esq Jun <sup>r</sup>	Moses Greeley
Reuben True	Ebenezer Stevens Esq	Abraham Mor'ill
Stephen Webster	Dyer Hook	Jeremiah Webster Esq
Lemuel Stevens	Philip Tilton The Hon <sup>ble</sup>	Theod <sup>r</sup> Atkinson j <sup>r</sup>
Able Davis	Nathaniel Fyfield	Nath <sup>l</sup> Barrell
Cap <sup>t</sup> George March	Andrew Greely	James Nevin
Ebenezer Morrill	Jacob Currier	Cap <sup>t</sup> Thomas Peirce
Trueworthy Ladd	Samuel Dudley	John March and
William Whicher	Joseph Tilton	Andrew Wiggins Esq <sup>r</sup>

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq a Tract of Land to  
Contain 500 Acres as Marked B W in the Plan which is to be  
accounted two of the within Shares One whole Share for the Incor-  
porated Society for the Propagation of the Gospell in Foreign Parts,  
One whole Share for a Glebe for the Church of England as by Law  
Established. One whole Share for the first Settled Minister of the  
Gospell, & One Share for the benefit of a School in said Town  
forever

Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Jan<sup>ry</sup> 28 1764  
 Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter under the Province Seal

⌘ T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>—



Province of New Hampshire Jan<sup>ry</sup> 28 1764  
 Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter under the Province Seal

⌘ T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

[WARREN EXTENDED AND CHARTER RENEWED, 1770.]

\*Province of } GEORGE the THIRD by the grace of \*1-374  
 New Hampshire } God of Great Britain France and Ireland  
 KING defender of the Faith &c—  
 { L. S. } To ALL to whom these Presents shall come  
 GREETING

WHEREAS we of our special grace & for the  
 (Warren Extended) due encouragement of settling a New plantation  
 within our said Province of New Hampshire in New England, by  
 our Letters Patent or Charter under the Seal of our said Province  
 Dated the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July Annoque Domini 1763. in the Third year

of our Reign: did Grant a Tract of land near Six Miles square, to a number of our loyal Subjects whose Names are enter'd on the same, to hold to them their heirs and Assigns on the Conditions therein declared to be a Town Corporate by the Name of Warren, as by reference to the said Charter may more fully appear. And whereas the Grantees aforesaid have Petitioned our Governor and Council of our said Province, Setting forth That in the Survey and plotting the said Township a mistake was made whereby the said Grantees were deprived of a considerable part of the Land granted, by its interfering with other Grants; And also representing That the difficulties the Grantees have met with in cutting Roads for the Transportation of Provisions &c hath hitherto prevented a complete Settlement and cultivation, agreeable to the Conditions of the said Grant. And also praying that they might have an equivalent Grant out of our unappropriated adjacent Lands to make up the deficiency occasioned by the Survey aforesaid, and that the same may be annex'd to and deemed as part and parcel of the said Township of Warren, and held in Common, or sever'd and divided to and among the Grantees aforesaid as the other lands in the said Township are held and Enjoyed; And that a further time may be allowed the Grantees to settle and cultivate the same. which being tho't reasonable—We have tho't fit, (by and with the advice of our trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our Governor and Commander in Chief of our said Province and of our Council of the same,) and by these Presents do grant unto the said Grantees their heirs and Assigns, upon the same Conditions, reservations and Duties expressed in the Original Charter of Warren That the bounds therein described being uncertain from the mistake aforesaid, shall be according to the following lines including the addition hereby made Viz' Beginning at the North westerly corner of Rumney and running North Twenty four deg<sup>s</sup> East Five Miles and three quarters of a mile, from thence turning off and running North Fifty Eight deg<sup>s</sup> West about four miles and One half mile to land lately granted to George Meserve Esquire to a Beech Tree; from thence South Twenty five degrees West one mile and Thirty Nine Chains and One half, to a Birch Tree, from thence North Fifty Eight deg<sup>s</sup> West one mile and Sixty six chains and three quarters to an Ash Tree, \*1-375 from thence South Twenty deg<sup>s</sup> West Three miles \*and Fifty seven Chains and an half to a Spruce Tree marked W. W. D C. from thence South Fifty two degrees East about Six miles to the bounds first began at: being about Nineteen thousand Six hundred & Sixty three Acres—Also an addition of three thousand Eight hundred and Seventy seven Acres on the Northerly side of

the above described Premises out of which an allowance of One thousand six hundred Acres is to be made for unimproveable Lands—To Begin at a Beech Tree standing in Meserve's line and running North Twenty five deg<sup>s</sup> East Two miles and Thirty One Rods, from thence South Fifty Eight deg<sup>s</sup> East two miles and one half mile and Fifty nine Rods, from thence South Thirteen deg<sup>s</sup> west Two miles and sixty Two rods, from thence North 58 degrees East to the Beech Tree began at. which bounds are according to an actual Survey made by Isaac Rindge Esquire our Surveyor General of our Lands within said Province.—And we being willing to promote the cultivation and Improvement of said Tract, do of our further grace and favour suspend our claim of the forfeiture which the said Grantees may have Incurred, and by these Presents do grant unto the said Grantees the further Term of Four years from this date, for performing and fulfilling the conditions, matters & things by them to be done as aforesaid—Except the Quit Rents which are to remain due and payable as expressed and reserved in the Original Grant or Charter. IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province of New Hampshire to be hereunto affixed Witness our Governor and Commander in Chief aforesaid the Fifth day of July in the 10<sup>th</sup> year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1770.—

J' Wentworth.

By his Excellency's Command }  
with advice of Council.

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Recorded according to the Original under the Province Seal this 5<sup>th</sup> July A. D. 1770.

Attest<sup>r</sup> Geo: King D Sec<sup>y</sup>

## WATERVILLE.

[This town comprised Gillis and Foss's Grant and a grant to John Raymond, and was incorporated July 1, 1829. A portion of the town was annexed to Sandwich, July 16, 1864.

See Index to Laws, 570; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 635; In the Heart of the White Mountains, by S. A. Drake, 1882, p. 224; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 581; A Day on Tripyramid, by C. E. Fay, 1, Appalachia, 14; Hedge-Hog Chasm, by W. H. Pickering, 2, *id.*, 75; The Slide on Tripyramid, by Charles Cutter, 3, *id.*, 47; Mts. Passaconaway and Whiteface, by W. H. Pickering, 3, *id.*, 72; A Trip over Osceola, the Twin Mountain Range and Mt. Garfield, by W. L. Hooper, 3, *id.*, 285; The Tripyramid Slide of 1885, 4, *id.*, 177; A Day on Flume Mountain and a Night in the Wilderness, by J. R. Edmands, 4, *id.*, 194; An Excursion from Mt. Whiteface to Greeley's by

the Tripyramid Ridge and Back Again via Black Mountain, by C. E. Fay, 6, *id.*, 342; Mt. Passaconaway, by C. E. Fay, 6, *id.*, 302; The Waterville Valley, by A. L. Goodrich, 6, *id.*, 318; same, pamphlet, 1892, pp. 29.]

## WEARE.

[This town was granted by Massachusetts, June 19, 1735, to Robert Hale, petitioning for Capt. John Raymond's men, and was called *Beverly-Canada* and *Hale's-town*. Granted by the Masonian Proprietors, Sept. 20, 1749, to Ichabod Robie and others and called at times *Robie's-town* and *Weare's-town*. Incorporated as Weare, Sept. 21, 1764, and named in honor of Meshech Weare. The line between Weare and Dunbarton was established July 2, 1853.

See Massachusetts charters preceding, and Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 791; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 637; Index to Laws, 571; historical sketch, by William Little, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 678; History, 1735 to 1888, by town committee, 1888, pp. 1064; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 252; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, pp. 10, 21; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 244; sketch, 12, Farmer's Monthly Visitor, 150.]

### [WEARE INCORPORATED, 1764.]

\*1-272 \*Province of } George the Third by the Grace of God of  
New Hamp<sup>t</sup> } great Britain France & Ireland King Defend-  
er of the Faith &c<sup>a</sup>

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To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting  
Whereas our Loving Subjects Inhabitants on a Tract  
of Land within Our Province of New Hampshire afore-  
Weare said by the Name of Weare have Humbly Petitioned  
and requested that they may be erected an Incorporated into A  
Township & Infranchized with the Same Powers & Priviledges  
which other Towns have & Enjoy within our said Province by Law  
and it Appearing unto us to be conducive to the General good of  
our said Province as well as to the said Inhabitants in Perticular by  
maintaining good order & Encouraging the Culture of the Said Lands  
that the same should be done Know Ye therefore that We of our  
special Grace certain Knowledge and for the Encouragement and  
Promotion of these Good Ends & Purposes by & With the advice of  
our Trusty & well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour  
and Com'ander in Chieff & of our Council for Said Province of  
New Hampshire have erected & ordaind and by these Presents for



us our Heirs & Successors do will & ordain that our Loving Subjects residing on the Tract of Land aforesaid or that shall hereafter Reside & Improve thereon the Same being Limited and Bounded as Follows Viz beginning at the North Westerly Corner of a Tract of Land lately Granted by said Proprietor to Archibald Stark and others thence Running South Eighty five Degrees West Six Miles thence South two Degrees East Six Miles thence North Eighty five Degrees East Six Miles thence North five Degrees West to the Corner first Mentioned so as to make up the Quantity of Six Miles Square together with a Strip of Land on the South Side of said Town being Six Miles long & one Mile in Width joyning on New Boston Shall be and by these Presents are Declared & ordaind to be A Town corporate and are hereby erected & Incorporated into a Body Politick & Corporate to have Continuence until His Majestys Pleasure shall be Signified to the Contrary by the Name of Weare with the Powers and authoritys Previlidges Immunities & Franchizes which any other Towns in said Province by Law hold & Enjoy allways reserving to us our heirs & Successors all white Pine Trees that are or shall be found growing or being on the said Tract of Land fit for the Use of our Royal Navy reserving also the Power & Right of Dividing the said Town when it Shall appear necessary & Convenient for the Benefit of the Inhabitants thereof Provided nevertheless and it is hereby declared that this our Charter & Grant is not intended or Shall in any manner be Construed to extend to or affect the Private Property of the Soil within the Limits aforesaid and as the Several Towns within our said Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> are by the Laws thereof enabled & authorized to assemble and by the Majority of the Voters Present to chuse all such officers and Transact all such affairs as by the said Laws are declared We do by these Presents Nominate & appoint John Goff Esq to call the first Meeting any Time within thirty Days from the Date hereof giving Legal Notice of the Time Place & Design of Holding such Meeting after which the annual Meeting for Said Town for the Choice of officers & management of the Affairs aforesaid Shall be held within said Township on the Second Tuesday of March Annually

In Testimony whereof We have Caused the Seal of oursaid Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness Benning Wentworth Esq  
our Govern<sup>r</sup> \*and Com'ander in Chieff in & over our said \*1-273  
Province of New Hampshire the Twenty first Day of  
September in the fourth Year of our reign Annoque Domini 1764—

B Wentworth

By his Excellencys Com'and  
with advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

Recorded according to the Original Patent under the Province Seal  
the 21—Day of September 1764—

W T Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>r</sup>

### WEBSTER.

[Set off from Boscawen and incorporated July 4, 1860. Named in honor of Daniel Webster.

See papers under title Boscawen; History of Boscawen and Webster, by C. C. Coffin, 1878, pp. 656; 150th Anniversary of Settlement of Boscawen and Webster, 1883, pub. 1884, pp. 211; sketch, by E. M. Buxton, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 678.]

### WENTWORTH.

[Granted Nov. 1. 1766, to John Page and others, and incorporated by its present name in honor of Gov. Benning Wentworth. Regranted March 30, 1772, to Asa Porter and others. A part of Piermont was annexed Jan. 15, 1787, and was restored July 1, 1819, and July 3, 1822. A small piece of land was taken from Orford and annexed to Wentworth June 28, 1837.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 792; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 642; Index to Laws, 574; sketch, by J. E. Sargent, 7, Granite Monthly, 52; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 636; Baker's River, A Charge to the Grand Jury, by J. E. Sargent, 2, Granite Monthly, 135; Lawrence N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 578.]

### [WENTWORTH CHARTER, 1766.]

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\*Province of New-Hampshire.

Wentworth



GEORGE THE THIRD,

By the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come,*  
Greeting.

KNOW Ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, in *New-England*, and of Our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do

give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Sixty Six equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, Twenty three Thousand & Forty *Acres*, which Tract is to contain Six Miles square, and no more ; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Beginning at the N Easterly Corner of Orford from thence S° 45<sup>d</sup> West Six miles to the S° Easterly Corner thereof which is also the N Westerly Corner of Dorchester thence runing S° about 61<sup>d</sup> East 6 Miles by Dorchester to the N Westerly Corner of Cockermouth which is also the S° Westerly Corner of Rumney thence N° 45<sup>d</sup> East 6 Miles by Rumney Afores<sup>d</sup> to the S° Easterly Corner of Warren then N° 59<sup>d</sup> West by Warren to the bounds began at.—And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Wentworth And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said Town as soon as there shall be Fifty Families resident and settled thereon, shall have the Liberty of holding *two Fairs*, one of which shall be held on the

the annually, which Fairs are not to continued longer than the respective following the said and that as soon as the said Town

hall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be \*opened \*3-151 and kept one or more Days in each Week, as may be thought most advantageous to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the Second Tuesday in December next which said Meeting shall be Notified by John Paige Esq<sup>r</sup> who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the third Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Priviledges

and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

I. That every Grantee, his Heirs or Assigns shall plant and cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five Years for every fifty Acres contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in said Township, and continue to improve and settle the same by additional Cultivations, on Penalty of the Forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the said Township, and of its reverting to Us, our Heirs, and Successors, to be by Us or them Re-granted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle and cultivate the same.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

III. That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees, a tract of Land as near the Centre of the said Township as the Land will admit of, shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots, one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*. 1767—

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1777 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a grater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber in Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the first Day of November In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One

Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Six And in the Seventh Year  
of Our Reign.

B' Wentworth—

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,  
With Advice of COUNCIL,

T: Atkinson j<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>—

Prov: of New Hampshire Novem<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1766

Recorded According to the Original Pattent under the Province  
Seal—

⌘ T Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>ry</sup>

\*Names of the Grantees of Wentworth—

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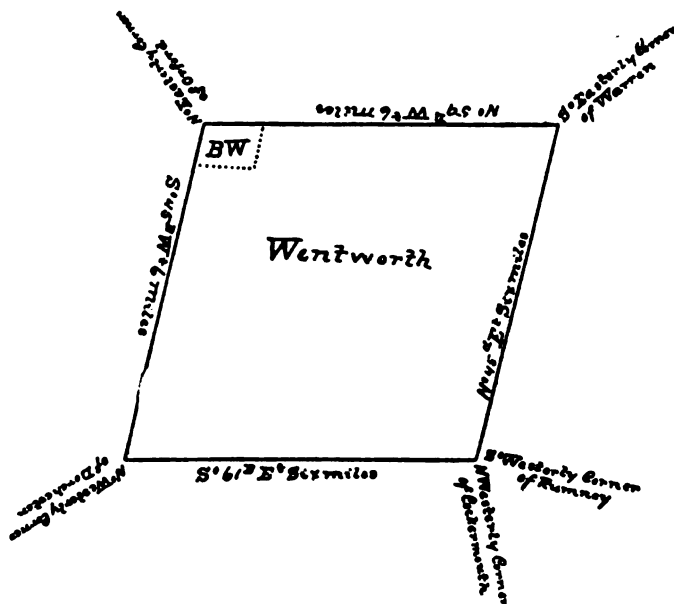
John Page Esq <sup>r</sup>	Stephen Edmons	Rev <sup>d</sup> Jere <sup>b</sup> Fogg
Jon <sup>a</sup> Greely Esq <sup>r</sup>	Moses Paige	Joseph Greely
Jacob Bailey Esq <sup>r</sup>	David Evens	Nath <sup>l</sup> Greely
Abel Davit	Enoch Paige	Col. Eben <sup>r</sup> Stevens
Nath <sup>l</sup> Currier	Will <sup>m</sup> True	Eben <sup>r</sup> Stevens J <sup>r</sup>
Ebenezer Paige	Sam <sup>l</sup> Paige J <sup>r</sup>	Phillips White
Sam <sup>l</sup> Paige	Jonathan Paige	John White
Peter Russell	Theophilus Stevens	Will <sup>m</sup> White
Rev <sup>d</sup> Sam <sup>l</sup> Webster	Thomas True	Parker Cooper
Joseph Paige	Jon <sup>a</sup> Greely Jun <sup>r</sup>	Isaac Brown
Will <sup>m</sup> Hacket	Sam <sup>l</sup> Palmer	John Colman
Limevil Stephens	Fra <sup>a</sup> Bachelder	Joseph Eastman j <sup>r</sup>
Henry Morrill	Sam <sup>l</sup> Dudley	Jacob Gale
John Paige	Jacob Currier	Capt. Nath <sup>l</sup> Bachelder
Ephraim Paige	Jacob Hook Esq <sup>r</sup>	Eliphalet Coffin
Jon <sup>a</sup> Evens	Dyer Hook	L <sup>i</sup> Nath. Bachelder
Winthrop True	Capt. Tho <sup>a</sup> Elkins	Col <sup>o</sup> March
Elijah True	Will <sup>m</sup> Parker j <sup>r</sup> Esq <sup>r</sup>	Josiah Bartlett Esq <sup>r</sup>
Jacob Stevens	Daniel Fogg	Col: Atkinson
David Greely	Stephen Scales	Capt: Thos <sup>a</sup> Martyn

Five hundred Acres for his Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup>  
as mark'd B W in the Plan & is to be accounted Two Shares in the  
Town. one Lot for the first Settled Minister One share for a School  
for the benefit of the Town for Ever a Glebe for the Church of Eng-  
land, which is to be accounted one Share—

Province of New Hampshire Octob<sup>r</sup> 31<sup>a</sup> 1766—

Recorded from the back of the Original Charter of Wentworth  
under the Province Seal

⌘ T Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>ry</sup>



Province of New Hampshire 31<sup>st</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1766  
 Copy of the plan taken from the back of the Charter of Wentworth Under the Province Seal.—

W T Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>ry</sup>

[REGRANT OF SHARES IN WENTWORTH, 1772.]

\*1-421 \*Province of New Hampshire } GEORGE the Third by the grace of  
 God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c.

{ L. S. }

To ALL to whom these Presents shall Come GREETING.

KNOW YE, that whereas we of our special Grace certain knowledge and mere Motion for the due encouragement of settling a New Plantation by our Letters Patent under the Seal of our said Province of New Hampshire bearing date the first day of November 1766, in the seventh year of our Reign, DID give and grant unto Jonathan Greely Esq<sup>r</sup> Samuel Paige, Peter Russell, Ephraim Page, Jonathan Evans, Jacob Stevens, David Greely, Stephen

Edmons, Enoch Paige, William True, Theophilus Stephens, Jacob Hook Esq<sup>r</sup> Dyer Hook, Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Elkins, Daniel Fogg, Nathaniel Greely, Ebenezer Stevens Jun<sup>r</sup>, Isaac Brown, Joseph Eastman, Jacob Gale, John Coleman, Samuel Palmer, Thomas Martin, Col<sup>o</sup> Ebenezer Stevens, John Paige Esq<sup>r</sup>, Abel Davit, Nathan Currier, Ebenezer Paige, Winthrop True, Limevii Stephens, David Evans, Jon<sup>a</sup> Greely Jun<sup>r</sup>, Francis Batchelder, Henry Morrill, Samuel Dudley, Jacob Currier, Moses Paige, Jonathan Paige, Thomas True, John Paige, Joseph Greely and Samuel Paige Jun<sup>r</sup> among other of our loving Subjects Inhabitants of our said Province of New Hampshire & our other Governments to each of them one Sixth fifth part or Share of a certain Tract or parcel of Land containing Six Miles Square situate lying and being in our Province aforesaid by the Name of WENTWORTH upon certain Conditions in our said Letters Patent mentioned and express'd to be performed by the several Grantees therein Named within the Term of Five Years from the date thereof on penalty of the forfeiture of their respective Rights or Shares in the said Township and of their reverting to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them regranted to such of our Subjects as should effectually settle & cultivate the same, And it having been made sufficiently to appear unto our Governor & Council of our said Province that the Grantees above recited have totally neglected the Conditions stipulated in our said Letters Patent, whereby their

\*Rights or Shares are forfeited as aforesaid We therefore \*1-422 of our further Grace and favour for promoting and encouraging the Settlem<sup>t</sup> of the said Township by these Presents for us our Heirs and Successors by and with the advice of our Trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire our Governor & Commander in Chief of our said Province of New Hampshire and of our Council of the same Do give and grant unto Others of our Loving Subjects the Rights or Shares of the said delinquent Grantees in the following manner, that is to say, unto Asa Porter the Right of Jonathan Greely Jun<sup>r</sup> abovenamed, unto Benjamin Balch the Right of Jon<sup>a</sup> Greely Esq<sup>r</sup> unto Andrew Savage Crocker the Right of Samuel Paige, unto Peter Silvester the Right of Peter Russell, unto Jonathan Hadley the Right of Ephraim Paige, unto Jacob Hall the Right of Jonathan Evans, unto Uriah Moses the Right of Jacob Stevens unto Eben<sup>r</sup> Sandborn the Right of David Greely, unto Jonathan Wells the Right of Stephen Edmons, unto Jonathan Hopkinson the Right of Enoch Page, unto Moses Pike the Right of William True, unto William Porter the Right of Theophilus Stephens, unto Thomas Wood the Right of Jacob Hook Esq<sup>r</sup>, unto Bozenger Salter the Right of Dyer Hook, unto Ebenezer Lewis the Right of Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Elkins,

unto Moses Porter the Right of Daniel Fogg, unto Timothy Olmsted the Right of Nathaniel Greely, unto Moses Porter Jun<sup>r</sup> the Right of Ebenezer Stevens Jun<sup>r</sup>, unto Daniel Hall the Right of Isaac Brown, unto John Taplin Jun<sup>r</sup> the Right of Joseph Eastman, unto Aaron Porter the Right of Jacob Gale, unto Daniel Brewster the Right of John Coleman, unto John Peirce the Right of Samuel Palmer, unto Thomas M<sup>c</sup>Donogh Esq<sup>r</sup> the Right of Thomas Martin, unto Wentworth Brinley the Right of Col<sup>o</sup> Ebenezer Stevens, unto Ammi Ruhamah Cutter the Right of John Paige Esq<sup>r</sup> unto David Sewall the Right of Abel Davit, unto George Meserve Esq<sup>r</sup> the Right of Nathan Currier, unto Thomas Martin the Right of Eben<sup>r</sup> Paige, unto Jacob Waldron the Right of Winthrop True, unto Charles Cutter the Right of Limevil Stephens, unto Mark Seavey the Right of David Evans, unto Eliphalet Daniels the Right of Francis Batchelder, unto Peter Ball Jun<sup>r</sup> the Right of Henry Morrill, unto Jeffry Wells the Right of Samuel Dudley, unto William Torrey Esq<sup>r</sup>: the

\*1-423 \*Right of Jacob Currier, unto Samuel Parker the Right of Moses Paige, unto James Haslett the Right of Jonathan Paige, unto Thomas Achincloss the Right of Thomas True, unto Thomas Care the Right of John Paige, unto John M<sup>c</sup>Mahon the Right of Joseph Greely, unto William Stevens the Right of Samuel Page Jun<sup>r</sup> TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said granted Premises with the Appurtenances thereof to them the said last mentioned Grantees and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever upon the following Terms Conditions & Reservations, Viz<sup>t</sup>

FIRST That the said Grantees their Heirs or Assigns shall plant & cultivate Five Acres for every Fifty contained in his or their Share, within from the date of this Grant, on penalty of the forfeiture of any and every of the Shares hereby granted.—

SECONDLY That the said Grantees shall cut clear bridge and make passable for Carriages of all kinds their proportionable part of a Road of Three Rods wide thro' the said Township of Wentworth, which Road shall be Completed in one year from the date hereof, on the Penalties prescribed or that shall hereafter be prescribed by the Laws of our said province, for neglect thereof.

THIRDLY That all white and other Pine Trees fit for masting our Royal Navy within the several Rights and Shares hereby granted, be carefully preserved for that use & none to be cut or fell'd without our special Licence for so doing first had & obtained on pain of forfeiting their respective Right in the Premises as well as being subject to the Penalties of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are or hereafter shall be enacted.

FOURTHLY. That the said Grantees their heirs and assigns shall



yield & pay unto us our Heirs and Successors on the Twenty fifth day of December annually their just proportion of all such Quit Rents as are expressed & reserved in the original Grant or Charter of said Wentworth. And these to be in lieu of all other Rents & Services whatsoever.—

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto annexed Witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our aforesaid Governor & Commander in Chief the Thirtieth day of March in the Twelfth year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1772.

J<sup>r</sup> Wentworth.

By his Excellency's Command }  
with advice of Council }  
Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Recorded according to the Original Grant under the Prov<sup>ce</sup> Seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1772

Attest<sup>r</sup> Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

[WENTWORTH'S LOCATION, 1797.]

\*THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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To all who shall see these Presents—  
KNOW YE that among the Records in the Office of the Secretary of our State, is an Act of our Legislature in the words and figures following viz<sup>t</sup>

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L. S.  
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“STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
In the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Ninety Six—AN ACT for granting to George Wentworth of Portsmouth Mariner Ten Thousand Acres of

Land

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, That there be and hereby is granted to the said George Wentworth, his heirs and assigns, TEN THOUSAND ACRES OF LAND in the Northwesterly Part of said State, to be laid out adjoining lands already granted, as the Governor and Council shall hereafter direct—On Condition that the said George Wentworth, his heirs or assigns, shall within twelve years from the passing of this act, have six families settled on said Tract of Land—

AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that the Governor with advice of Council, be authorized to make, execute and deliver to the said Wentworth a Charter of said Land, at such time as the said Wentworth shall make return of a proper Survey of the same—

State of New Hampshire—In the House of Representatives June 16<sup>th</sup> 1796 The foregoing Bill, having had three several readings, passed to be Enacted—Sent up for Concurrence

Russell Freeman Speaker

IN SENATE the same Day, This Bill having been read a third time, Voted that the same be Enacted.

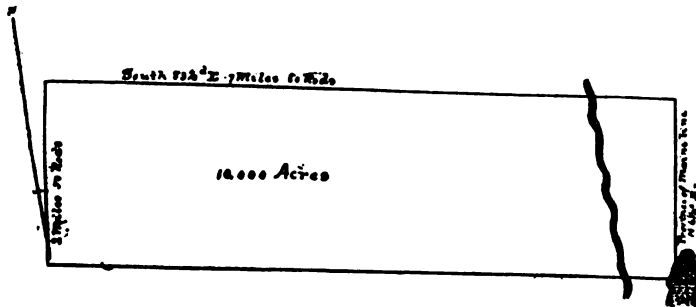
Eben<sup>r</sup> Smith, President of the Senate.

Approved June 17<sup>th</sup> 1796.

J. T. Gilman Governor ”—

AND WHEREAS our Governor and Council, in pursuance of the aforesaid Act did direct a Survey and return to be made of a certain Tract of Land, which Survey and return has been made in the words & figures following, viz<sup>t</sup> “A Return of the Survey of TEN THOUSAND ACRES OF LAND, granted to George Wentworth 1796; Beginning at the Northwest corner of Errol, at a Beach tree marked G W 1796; Then running North Six and a half Degrees East, two miles and fifty Rods to a spruce pole marked G W 1796, Thence South Eighty three and an half Degrees East, seven miles and one quarter of a mile to the province of Maine line, so called, marked on a Birch tree G W 1796; Thence South, six and a half degrees West, Two miles and fifty Rods to the North East corner of said Errol, which is in the Lake Umbagog; Thence North, Eighty three and a half Degrees West, to the first mentioned bounds—containing Ten thousand Acres—Nov<sup>r</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1796—

Jeremiah Eames Jun<sup>r</sup> Surveyer



\*4-260 \*NOW KNOW YE, That We do by these Presents give and grant unto the said George Wentworth, his heirs and assigns, upon the Condition mentioned in the Act aforesaid, TEN THOUSAND ACRES OF LAND as described in the Return above mentioned, and according to the Plan annexed hereto, the same being a Copy of a Return and Plan filed in the Office of the Secretary of our State—

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said described and granted Premises, with the Privileges and Appurtenances, to him his heirs and assigns, upon the Condition aforesaid—And the said described Tract of Land shall be called and known by the name of GEORGE WENTWORTH'S MANOR, until our Legislature shall think proper to alter the Name.—IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused our Seal to be hereunto affixed—WITNESS JOHN TAYLOR GILMAN Governor of our State at Exeter the Twenty fifth Day of January in the Year of our Lord, One thousand, seven hundred and Ninety Seven—And of the independence of the United States of America the Twenty First—  
J T Gilman

By His Excellencys Command }  
with advice of Council }  
Joseph Pearson Secretary

Entered and Recorded according to the Original under the State Seal—this twenty-fifth day of January 1797—

Attest— Joseph Pearson Sec<sup>y</sup>

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### WESTMORELAND.

[This town was *Number 2* in the line of towns on the east side of Connecticut River, granted by Massachusetts in 1735–6. It was also called *Great Meadows*. Granted by New Hampshire Feb. 12, 1752, to Thomas Chamberlain and others, and incorporated by its present name. The charter was renewed June 11, 1760. "Westmoreland Leg" was included in the limits of Surry, incorporated March 9, 1769.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 793; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 398, 400, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 651; Index to Laws, 577; sketch, by W. Bill, Jr., Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 457; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 503; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 8; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, pp. 301, 305; Memoir of Jeremiah Mason, by R. M. Mason, 1873.]

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### [WESTMORELAND CHARTER, 1752.]

\*Province of New Hampshire

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GEORGE the Second by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c<sup>a</sup>

To All Persons to whom these Presents shall come  
Westmorland Greeting

KNOW YE that We of our Especial Grace Certain Knowledge & mere motion for the due Encouragement of Settling A New Plantation within our Said Province By & with the Advice of our Trusty & well beloved BENNING WENTWORTH Esq our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff of our S<sup>d</sup> Province of New Hampshire in America and of our Council of the Said Province HAVE upon the Conditions And reservations hereafter made Given and Granted & by these Presents for us our heirs & Successors Do give & Grant in Equal Shares unto our Loveing Subjects Inhabitants of our Said Province of New Hampshire And his Maj<sup>ty</sup> other Governments And to their heirs And Assignes for ever, whose Names Are Entred on this Grant to be Divided to & Amoungst them into Seventy two Equal Shares—All that Tract or Parcel of Land Scituate Lying & being within our Province of New Hampshire Containing by Admeasurement twenty three thousand And forty Acres which Tract is to Contain Six Miles Square & no more, out of which an Allowence is to be made for high ways & unimproveable Lands by Rocks Mountains, Ponds & Rivers One thousand & forty Acres free According to A Plan thereof made & Presented by our Said Governours Orders & hereunto Annexed Butted & bounded as follows (Viz) Beginning at a Stake & Stones the North West Corner of Chesterfield & runs from thence South Seventy Eight degrees East by Chesterfield to A Stake & Stones in Ashuelot line from thence Northerly by Ashuelot line to the North West Corner of the upper Ashuelot (so Called) thence North Eighty five degrees East four Miles to A Stake & Stones from thence North by the Needle So far as that a Line run Paralell with the first mentioned Line will Include between Connecticut River & the Easterly Lines aforesaid the Contents of Six Miles Square and that the Same be & is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Westmorland and \*1-92 that the Inhabitants that do or Shall hereafter \*Inhabit said

Township Are hereby Declared be Enfranchized with & Entitled to all & every the Priviledges & immunities that other Towns within our Said Province by Law Exercize & Enjoy & further that the Said Town as Soon as there Shall be fifty families resident & Settled thereon Shall have the Liberty of holding Two fairs one of which Shall be held on the

And the Other on the Annually which fairs Are not to Continue & be held Longer than the respective following the Said respective Days and as Soon as Said Town Shall Consist of fifty families A Market Shall be Opned & kept one or more Days in each week as may be tho' most Advantagious to the Inhabitants also that the first meeting for the Choice of Town Offi-

cers Agreeable to the Laws of our Said Province Shall be held on the Second Wednesday in March next which Meeting Shall be notified by M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Chamberlain who is hereby also Appointed the moderator of the Said first meeting which he is to Notify & Govern Agreeable to the Laws & Customs of our Said Province And that the Annual Meeting forever hereafter for the Choice of Such Officers of Said Town Shall be on the Second Wednesday in March Annually To HAVE & TO HOLD the Said Tract of Land as above Expressd together with all Priviledges & Appurtenances to them & their respective Heirs and Assigns for ever upon the following Conditions (Viz) that every Grantee his heirs or Assignes Shall Plant or Cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five years for every fifty Acres Containd in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in Said Township And Continue to Improve & Settle the Same by Additional Cultivations on Penalty of the forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the Said Township And its reverting to his Maj<sup>ty</sup> his heirs & Successors to be by him or them regranted to Such of his Subjects as Shall Effectually Settle & Cultivate the Same that all white & other Pine Trees within the Said Township fit for masting Our Royal Navy be carefully Preserved for that Use & none to be Cutt or felld without his Majesties Especial Lycence for So doing first had & obtaind upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the right of Such Grantee his heirs or Assigns to us our heirs & Successors as well as being Subject to the Penalty of Any Act or Acts of Parliament that no Are or hereafter Shall be enacted—That before Any Division of the Said Lands be made to & amongst the Grantees a Tract of Land as Near the Centre of the Town Ship as the Land will Admit of Shall be reserved And Marked \*Out for Town Lotts one of \*1-98 which Shall Allotted to Each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre Yeilding & paying therefor to us our heirs & Successors for the Space of Ten Years to be Computed from the date hereof the rent of One Ear of Indian Corn only on the first Day of January Annually if Lawfully Demanded the first payment to be made on the first Day of January Next following the Date hereof every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant Shall Yield & pay unto us our heirs & Successors Yearly & every year for ever from & After the Expiration of the ten years from y<sup>e</sup> date hereof namely on the 1<sup>st</sup> of Jan<sup>ry</sup> which will be in y<sup>e</sup> year of our Lord Christ 1762 one Shilling Proclamation money for every hundred Acres he So owns Settles or Possesses and So in Proportion for a Greater or Lesser Tract of the Said Land which money Shall be paid by the respective persons above Said their heirs or Assigns In our Council Chamber in Portsm<sup>o</sup> or to Such officer or officers as Shall be Appointed to receive the Same and this to be in Lieu of All

other rents & Services what soever In Testimony hereof We have Caused the Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness BENNING WENTWORTH Esq our Governour & Com'ander in Chieff of our S<sup>d</sup> Province the Twelfth Day of Feb<sup>r</sup> in the Year of our Lord Christ one thousand Seven hundred & fifty Two & in the Twenty fifth year of Our Reign

B Wentworth

By his Excelencys Com'and  
with Advice of Council  
Theodore Atkinson

Entered & recorded According to the Original Charter under the Province Seal this 13<sup>th</sup> Day of Feb<sup>r</sup> 1752—

Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Se<sup>r</sup>

The Names of the Grantees of Westmorland—Viz—

Thomas Chamberlain	Daniel Peirce	John Chamberlain
Jethro Wheeler	Benjamin Aldridge	Daniel How
Abner How	Daniel How jun <sup>r</sup>	Caleb How
Samuel How	Josiah Willard	Oliver Willard
Sampson Willard	John Armes	Nathaniel Wood
John Fowl	Valentine Buttler	Josiah Foster
Jeremiah Hall	James Fowl	John Fowl jun <sup>r</sup>
Edward How	Timothy Harrington	Nathaniel Harris
Philip Alexander	Samuel Minot	Samuel Livermore
Cornelius White	Richard Ward	John Chandler
Sam <sup>l</sup> Williams	Ebenezer Turner	Joseph Harrington
Simeon Alexander	Moses Hastens	Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Hindsdale
John Rugg	Ebenezer Hubbard	Enoc Hall
*1-94 *Samuel Hunt	Thomas Marshall	Fairbanks Moor jun <sup>r</sup>
William Moor	John Alexander	Isaac Chamberland
Joseph Bellows	Jethro Wheeler jun <sup>r</sup>	Amos Davis
Josiah Chamberlain	Harradan Wheeler	Micael Gillson
Jedediah Chamberlain	Joshua Chamberlain	William How
Simeon Knight	Jonathan Cole	John Taylor
Jonathan Cummings jun <sup>r</sup>	John Brown	

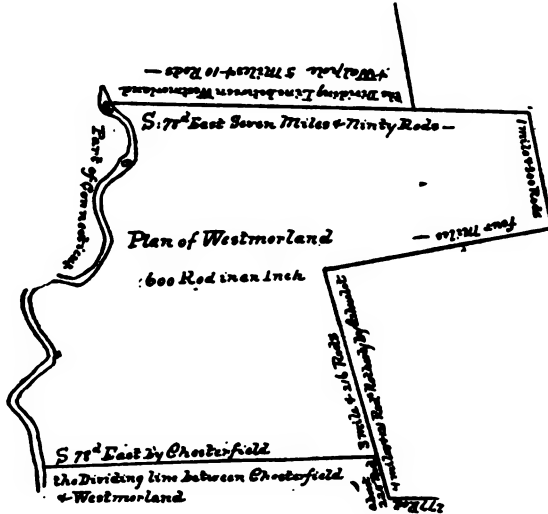
His Excelency Benning Wentworth Esq one Tract of Land to Contain five Hundred Acres which is to be Accounted 2 of the S<sup>d</sup> Shares, One whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Forreign Parts, one whole Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel in Said Town, one whole Share for A Glebe for the ministry of the Church of England as by Law Estab-

lished, Samuel Wentworth of Boston Theodore Atkinson, Rich<sup>d</sup> Wibird, Samuel Smith, John Downing, Sampson Sheaffe, John Wentworth jun<sup>r</sup> Chace of New Castle

Attest<sup>r</sup> Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Entred & recorded from the Back of the Charter for Westmorland this 13<sup>th</sup> of February 1752—

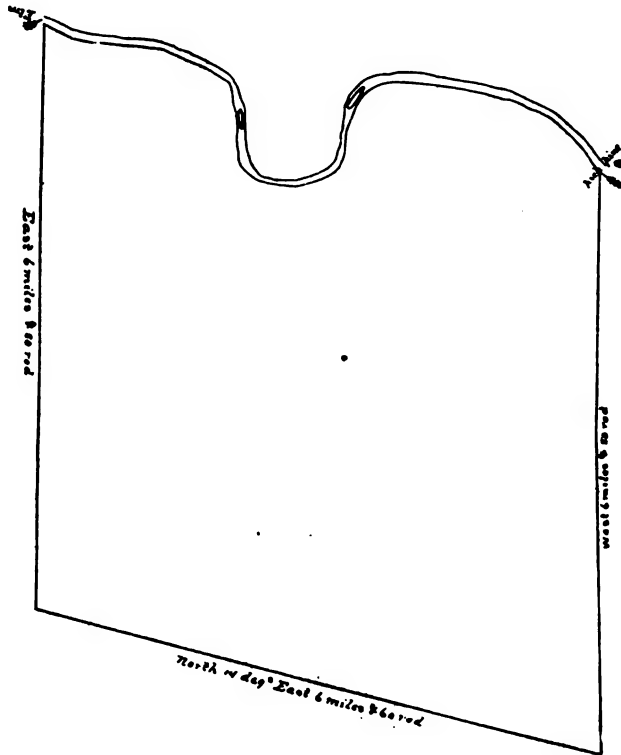
Ⓢ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>



Taken from the Plan on the Original Charter of Westmorland 13<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1752

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

[Ms. Town Boundaries, p. 206.]



This Plan Contains the Contents of Six Mile Square & Lyeth on the East Side of Connecticut River and Is Part of the town Ship Called N<sup>o</sup> 2 I Begins att a Elm tree Marked on the Bank of the River Att the Lower End of a Meddow Called Potterage meddow and Runs East Six miles & Eighty Rods to a heap of Stones then Runs North fourteen degrees East Six miles & sixty Rods then Runs West six miles & Eighty Rods to a pine tree by the River then down the River to the first mentioned tree

Sarvayed By

Benj<sup>a</sup> Bellows Sarvayer

thair Is two Islands Sarvayd In the River one of about Eight acres & the other about five acres & In the Contents of this Plan

No 2 March 8<sup>th</sup> 1750



## [WESTMORELAND CHARTER RENEWED, 1760.]

\*Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>

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Westmoreland  
Chart<sup>r</sup> lengthend outGeorge the Second by the Grace of God of  
great Britain France & Ireland King Defender  
of the Faith &cTo All People to whom these Presents Shall  
come Greeting

See Page (91)

Whereas We of our Special Grace & Mere  
Motion for the Due Encouragement of Settling  
a New Plantation within Our Province of New  
Hamp<sup>r</sup> by Our Letters Patent or Charter under the Seal of Our Said  
Province dated the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of Feb<sup>r</sup> in the Twenty fifth Year of our  
reign granted a Tract of Land equal to Six Miles Square bounded as  
therein Expressed to a Number of our Loyal Subjects whose Names  
are Entered on the same to hold to them their heirs and assigns on  
the Conditions therein Declared to be a Town Corporate by the  
Name of Westmoreland as by reference to the Said Charter may  
more fully Appear

And Whereas the Said Grantees have represented that by the  
Intervention of our Indian War since the making Said Grant it has  
been Impracticable to Comply with & fullfill the Conditions aforesaid  
and Humbly Supplicated us not to take advantage of the Breach of  
Said Conditions but to Lengthen out & Grant them some reason-  
able Term for Performance thereof after the Said Impediment Shall  
cease—

Now Know Ye that We being Willing to Promote the End Proposed  
have of our further Grace & favour Suspended Our Claims of the for-  
feiture which the Said Grantees may have incurrd and by these  
Presents do Grant unto the Said Grantees their heirs and assigns the  
Term of one Year for Performing & fullfilling the Conditions matters  
& things by them to be done which Term is to be renewd Annually  
until his Maj<sup>ty</sup>'s Plenary Instructions Shall be receivd relative to  
the Incident that has Prevented a Compliance with the Charter  
according to the True intent & meaning thereof

In Testimony whereof We have Caused the Seal of Our Said  
Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness Benning Wentworth Esq  
our Governour & Commander in Chieff the Eleventh Day of June  
in the 33<sup>d</sup> Year of Our Reign Annoq Dom : 1760—

B Wentworth

By his Excellency<sup>s</sup> Com<sup>d</sup>  
with Advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Se<sup>rv</sup>

Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>  
 Recorded According to the Original Under the Seal of the Province  
 the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1760

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>

## WHITEFIELD.

[Granted as *Whitefields* July 4, 1774, to Josiah Moody and others. Incorporated as Whitefield Dec. 1, 1804.

See XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 648; Index to Laws, 580; History, by Levi W. Dodge, in manuscript; sketch by same, Fergusson's History of Coös County, 1888, p. 447; In the Footprints of the Pioneers, by same, Granite Monthly, vol. 6, pp. 333, 337, and vol. 7, p. 17; Along the John Stark River, by same, 5, *id.*, 357; Extract from an Unpublished History, by same, 10, *id.*, 298; Coö-Ash-Auke, by same, 6, *id.*; Northern New Hampshire, by G. F. Bacon, 1890, p. 38; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, p. 375; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 610; Controversial Correspondence of the Lancaster *Gazette*, Jan. 26, Feb. 23, Mar. 23, Apr. 20, and Apr. 27, 1883, by Jas. W. Weeks and Levi W. Dodge; many historical articles, by Levi W. Dodge, in files of *White Mountain News*.]

\*4-201 \*Province of } GEORGE the third by the grace of  
 New Hampshire } God of Great Britain France & Ireland  
 WHITEFIELDS } King Defender of the Faith &c.

To all to whom these Presents shall come greeting

\*4-202 \*KNOW YE that We of Our special grace certain knowledge and meer Motion for the due encouragement of settling a new Plantation within Our said Province by & with the advice of Our trusty and well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esquire Our Governor and Commander in chief of our said Province of New Hampshire in New England and of Our Council of the said Province have upon the Conditions and reservations herein after made given & granted and by these Presents for Us Our Heirs and Successors do give and grant in equal Shares unto Our loving Subjects Inhabitants of Our said Province of New Hampshire & Our other Dominions who have petitioned Us for the same setting forth their readiness to make immediate Settlement & to their Heirs and Assigns forever whose Names are entered on this Grant to be divided to & amongst them into Ninety four equal Shares all that Tract or parcel of Land situate lying & being within our said Province of New Hampshire containing by admeasurement Nineteen thousand and Seventy seven Acres more or less out of which an allowance is to be made for Highways and unimproveable Lauds by Rocks Mountains & Waters One

thousand & seventy Seven Acres free according to a Plan or Survey thereof exhibited by Our Surveyor General of Lands for Our said Province by Our said Governor's Order and returned into the Secretary's Office of Our said Province a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed butted and bounded as follows viz<sup>t</sup>—Begining at a Beech Tree on the Southeast Corner of Lancaster being in the northerly Line of Apthorp & runing South twenty six degrees East One Mile & One hundred eighty Rods to the Northeasterly Corner of Apthorp, thence on the easterly Line of Apthorp South fifty six degrees West four miles One hundred twenty Rods to the Northwest Corner of Lloyd Hills then on the Northerly Line of Lloyd Hills South fifty eight degrees East five Miles ten rods to the west line of Brettonwoods, thence on the West Line of said Bretton woods North Two Miles One hundred sixty six Rods to the Northwest Corner of said Bretton Woods thence on the North Line of Bretton woods East three Miles and an half to the westerly Line of Dartmouth then on said westerly Line of Dartmouth North five Miles two hund<sup>d</sup> sixty Rods to the easterly Line of Lancaster then on said Easterly Line of Lancaster South sixty nine degrees West five Miles fifty Rods or to the bounds first mentioned TO HAVE & TO HOLD the \*said tract of Land as above expressed together with all \*4-208 privileges & appurtenances to them and to their respective Heirs & Assigns forever by the name of WHITEFELDS upon the following conditions viz<sup>t</sup>—

FIRST that the Grantees at their own Cost shall cut clear bridge and make passable for Carriages of all kinds a Road of four rods wide through the said Tract hereby granted as shall be at any time hereafter directed by Our said Governor and Council which Road shall be completed in one year from the date of such direction in failure of which the Premises and every part thereof shall be forfeited and revert to Us Our Heirs and Successors to be by Us or them reentered upon & regranted to any of Our Loving Subjects—

SECONDLY That all white pine and other pine Trees within the said Township fit for masting Our royal Navy be carefully preserved for that Use and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had & obtained upon the penalty of the forfeiture of the right of the Grantee his Heirs and Assigns to Us Our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the Penalties of any Act or Acts of Parliament that are or hereafter shall be enacted

THIRDLY That before any division of the Land be made to & among the Grantees a Tract of Land as near the Center of the said Township as the Land will admit of shall be reserved & marked out for Town Lots One of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the Contents of One Acre

**FOURTHLY** Yielding and paying therefor to Us Our Heirs & Successors on or before the first day of January 1779 the rent of One Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded

**FIFTHLY** That every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitants shall yield & pay unto Us Our Heirs and Successors yearly and every Year forever from and after the expiration of ten Years from the date of this Grant One Shilling Proclamation Money for every hundred Acres he so owns settles or possesses and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid their Heirs or Assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsmouth or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same

**SIXTHLY** That any part of the Premises appearing well \*4-204 \*adapted to the growth of Hemp and Flax or either of them shall be cultivated with those useful Articles of produce in the proportion of Ten Acres in each and every hundred of these granted Premises within ten Years of this date

**SEVENTHLY** That six Families shall be settled & actually resident in the Town within two Years of this date

**EIGHTHLY** That additional Settlements be made so as to complete Sixty Families in eight Years of this date

**NINTHLY** That this Grant shall not interfere with any of Our Grants formerly made and now in force nor interrupt the Grantees in their improvements making thereon agreeable to the conditions thereof.—These to be in lieu of all other rents & Services whatsoever

**IN TESTIMONY** whereof We have caused the Seal of Our said Province to be hereunto affixed witness JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> Our Governor and Commander in chief aforesaid the fourth day of July in the fourteenth Year of Our reign and in the Year of our Lord Christ 1774

By his Excellencys command  
with advice of council

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

#### The Names of the Grantees of Whitefields

Josiah Moodey	David Woods	John Holden
Thomas Clough	David Waite	Aaron Sarjent jun <sup>r</sup>
Leavit Clough	David Woods jun <sup>r</sup>	Edward Marden
Jonathan Moody	Samuel Swan jun <sup>r</sup>	Henry Clough
Jonathan Bailey	Eleazer Richardson	Abner Haines
Jonah Lang	William Farrington	Moses Randel
Nathan Johnson	Holton Johnson	Jeremiah Gibson

Eliphalet Neal	Matthew Farrington	Henry Oliver
William Norton	John Stevens	Henry Gerrish Esq <sup>r</sup>
Samuel Swan	Jonathan Dix	William Simons
James Merrick	Stephen Greenleaf	Cap <sup>t</sup> Stephen Gerrish
Phinehas Merrick	Nathan Waite	Samuel Pickering
Aaron Merrick	Samuel Nutter	Joseph White
Jose Merrick	David Gardner	Increase Newhall
Obed Merrick	Timothy Nash	Joseph Hart
William Frothingham	Samuel Boltwood	John Hurd Esq <sup>r</sup>
Samuel Cate	Benjamin Newell	John Hodgdon
Samuel Cate jun <sup>r</sup>	Aaron Newell	Benjamin Hurd
Phinehas Hodgson	Ichabod Weeks	Benjamin Hurd jun <sup>r</sup>
Sam <sup>l</sup> Langdon	Benjamin Johnson	Joseph Hurd
Jeremiah Clough Esq <sup>r</sup>	John Lewes	Isaac Hurd
Peter Green Esq <sup>r</sup>	Jeremiah Clough jun <sup>r</sup>	Esq <sup>r</sup> Josiah Harris jun <sup>r</sup>
John Flagg Esq <sup>r</sup>	James Gibson	Samuel Harris
Nehemiah Rand	Thomas Rand	Patric Dougherty
James Bradish	James Bradish Jr	Seth Sweetsir
Benjamin Sweetser	*William Harris	Josiah Harris *4-205

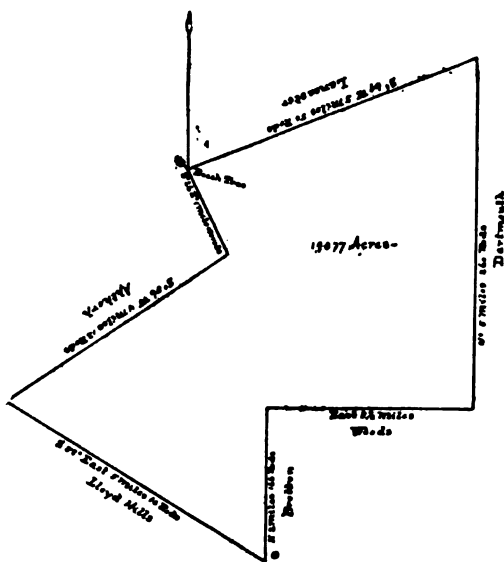
These last fifteen Persons all of Charlestown in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay

Nehemiah Estabrook, of Lexington in said Province Benjamin Rand of Weston in said Province Roger Bartlet & Samuel Bartlet of Boston in s<sup>d</sup> Province John Cochran Esq<sup>r</sup> Benning Wentworth Thomas Macdonogh Paul Wentworth Rev<sup>d</sup> Jeremy Belknap John Marshall of Portsmouth Rev<sup>d</sup> Stephen Peabody Ephraim Pickering, One whole Share for a Glebe for the Church of England by Law established, One whole Share for the Society for the propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts, One whole Share for the benefit of a School in said Town & one whole Share for the first settled Minister

J { P S } Wentworth

Recorded according to the original Charter under the Province Seal this fourth day of July 1774

Attest<sup>r</sup> Geo : King Dep<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>r</sup>



Province of New Hampshire Portsmouth

\*4-206 \* This certifies that this Plan of WHITEFIELDS Beginning at a Beach Tree on the South East Corner of Lancaster being in the northerly Line of Apthorp & running South twenty six degrees East One mile and one hundred eighty Rods to the North-easterly Corner of Apthorp thence on the easterly Line of Apthorp South fifty six degrees West four Miles One hundred twenty Rods to the Northwest Corner of Lloyd Hills then on the northerly Line of Lloyd Hills South fifty eight degrees East five Miles ten Rods to the West Line of Bretton Woods thence on the West Line of said Bretton Woods North two Miles one hundred sixty six Rods to the Northwest Corner of said Bretton Woods then on the North Line of Bretton Woods East three Miles and an half to the westerly Line of Dartmouth then on said Westerly Line of Dartmouth North five Miles two hundred sixty Rods to the Easterly Line of Lancaster then on said easterly Line of Lancaster South sixty nine degrees West five Miles fifty Rods or to the Bounds first mentioned contains Nineteen thousand and Seventy seven Acres of Land And is known by the Surveys and Plans of the several Towns or tracts of Land bounding on said Tract or Township of Whitefields as returned into the Surveyor Generals Office

Attest Joseph Peirce pro Surveyor General  
Copy examind by Geo: King Dep<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>

## WILMOT.

[This town was constituted from parts of New London and Kearsarge Gore, and incorporated June 18, 1807. A portion of Hill was annexed Dec. 21, 1832. A tract of land was severed and annexed to Danbury Dec. 19, 1848, and another July 26, 1878.

See papers under title New London; Index to Laws, 584; sketch, by W. W. Flanders Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 695; Stewart's History of the Free Baptists, 1862, pp. 305, 375; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 19; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 417.]

## WILTON.

[Granted as *Number 2* by Masonian Proprietors Oct. 1, 1749, to Thomas Read and others. Incorporated as Wilton June 25, 1762, to continue until Jan. 1, 1765. Reincorporated Jan. 2, 1765. A portion of Lyndeborough was annexed to Wilton by Joseph Blanchard, agent for the Masonian Proprietors.

See Masonian Papers in following volumes; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 792; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 676; Index to Laws, 585; Topographical and Historical Description, by Thomas Beede, 1, Farmer and Moore's Historical Collections, 65; Past and Present, 150th anniversary of settlement, 13, Granite Monthly, 252; same, pamphlet, 1889; History, by A. A. Livermore and S. Putnam, 1888, pp. 575; Memorial of Increase Sumner Lincoln, by J. C. Mitchell, 1890, pp. 25; address, dedication of town house, by I. S. Whitney, 1885; address, centennial celebration, Ephraim Peabody, 1839; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 16; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 244; papers under title Groton, Old Grant, in Massachusetts charters preceding; sketch, by A. A. Livermore, Hurd's History of Hillsborough County, 1885, p. 695; Fall of the Wilton Meeting House, 1773, by N. Allen, 22, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, 234; Materials for History of, by F. Kidder, 8, *id.*, 394; sketch, by J. B. Connor, Granite Monthly, vol. 5, p. 168, and vol. 6, p. 330.]

## [WILTON INCORPORATED, 1762.]

\*Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup>

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No (2) Wilton George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c<sup>a</sup>

{ P—S }

To All to whom these Presents Shall come greeting  
Whereas our Loyal Subjects Inhabitants of A Tract of Land withiu Our Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Known by the Name of N<sup>o</sup> (2) Lying on the Branches of Souhegan River between Peterborough & Monson and Contains Five Miles Square have Humbly Petitioned & Requested us that they may be erected & Incorporated into A Township & Infracised with the Same Powers & Previledges

which Other Towns within Our Said Province by Law have & Enjoy And it appearing unto us to be Conducive to the Gen<sup>l</sup> good of our Said Province as well as of the Said Inhabitants in Perticular by Maintaining good order & encouraging the Culture of the Land that the Same should be done Know Yee therefore that we of Our Special Grace Certain Knowledge & for the Encouragem<sup>t</sup> & Promoting the good Purposes & Ends aforesaid by & with the Advice of our Trusty & wellbeloved Benning Wentworth Esq our Govern<sup>r</sup> & Comander in Chieffe & of Our Council for Said Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> have errected & ordained and by these Presents for us our Heirs & Successors do will & ordain that the Inhabitants of the Tract of Land aforesaid & Others who Shall inhabit & Improve thereon hereafter the Same being buttet & Bounded as follows (Viz) begining at the South West Corner of the Premises at a White Pine Tree which is the North West Corner of N (1) & runs from thence North five Miles to a White ash Marked from thence East five Miles to a Stake & Stones—from thence South Five Miles to a Chesnut Tree marked from thence West five miles to the White Pine Tree first mentioned BE & Hereby are declared & Ordaind to be a Town corporate & are hereby Erected & Incorporated into A Body Politick & corporate to have Continuence until the first Day of Jan<sup>r</sup> 1765 by the Name of Wilton with all the Powers & Authorities Previlidges Imunitys & Franchises which any other Towns in said Prov<sup>e</sup> by Law hold & Enjoy to the said Inhabitants or who Shall hereafter Inhabit there & their Successors for said Term allways reserving to us our heirs & Successors all white Pine Trees that are or Shall be found growing & being on the said Tract of Land fit for the Use of our Royal Navy reserving also to us our heirs & successors the Power & Right of Dividing the Said Town when it shall appear Necessary & Convenient for the Inhabitants thereof Provided Nevertheless and tis hereby declared that this Charter & Grant is not Intended & Shall not in any manner be Construed to

\*1-247 \*Extend to or effect the Private Property of the Soil within the Limits aforesaid and as the Several Towns within our Said Province are by Laws thereof enabled & authorized to assemble & by the majority of the Voters Present to chuse all Such officers & Transact Such affairs as in the said Laws are declared We do by these Presents Nominate and appoint Jona Lovewell Esq to call the first meeting of Said Inhabitants to be held within the said Town at any Time within forty Days from the Date hereof giving Legal Notice of the Time & Design of holding such Meeting after which the Annual Meeting in Said Town Shall be held for the Choice of said officers and the Purposes aforesaid on the Second monday in march annually



In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Com'ander in Chieffe of our Said Province the 25<sup>th</sup> Day of June in the Second Year of Our Reign and in the Year of our Lord Christ One thousand Seven hundred & Sixty Two

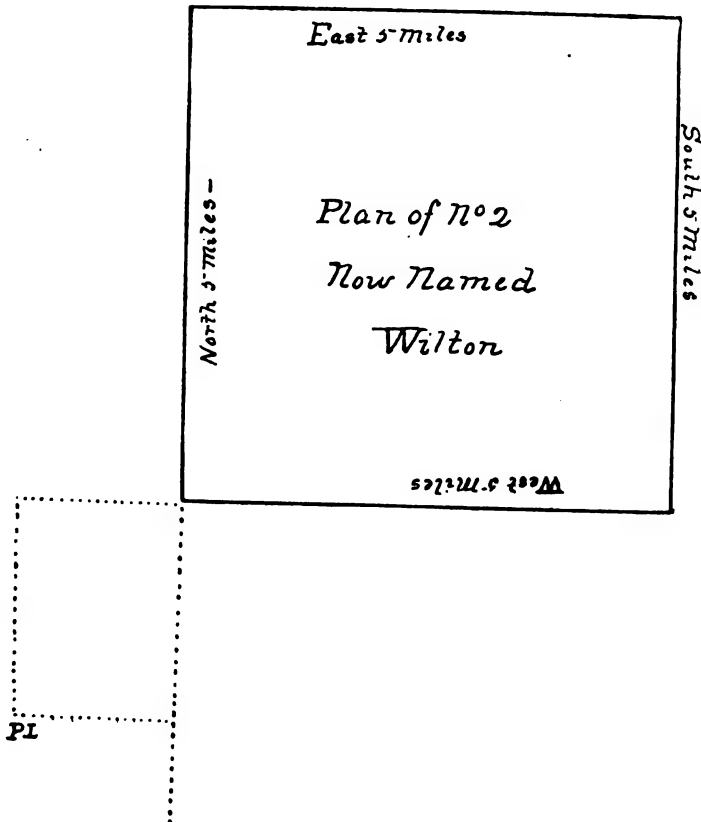
B Wentworth—

By his Excellencys Com<sup>d</sup>  
with advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Recorded according to the original Charter under the Province Seal this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1762—

⌘ Theodore Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>



Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter under the Pro<sup>r</sup>  
Seal the 28<sup>th</sup> Day of June 1762

Ⓜ Theodore Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

[WILTON REINCORPORATED, 1765.]

\*1-279 \*Province of New Hampshire



GEORGE the third by the Grace of God of Great  
Britain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c  
To ALL to whom these Presents shall come GREET-  
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N<sup>o</sup> 2 now      WHEREAS our Loyall Subjects Inhabitants of a Tract  
Willton      of Land within our Province of New Hampshire Known  
by the Name of N<sup>o</sup> (2) Lying on the Branches of Sowhagon River  
Between Peter Borrough & Monson and contain<sup>s</sup> Five Miles Square  
Have humbly Petitioned & Requested us that they may be Erected  
and Incorporated into a Township & Infranchized with the same  
Powers & Priviledges with other Towns within our Province by Law  
have & Enjoy & it appearing unto us to be Conducive to the general  
good of our Province as well as of the said Inhabitants in Particular  
by Maintaining good order & Encouraging the Culture of the Land  
that the same should be done—

Know Yee therefore that we of our Special grace Certain  
Knowledge and for the Encouragement & Promoting the good  
purposes & Ends aforesaid by & with the advice of our Trusty  
& well beloved Benning Wentworth Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor & Com-  
mander in Chief & of our Council for said Province of New  
Hampshire Have Erected & ordained, & by these Presents for us our  
Heirs & Successors do will & ordain that the Inhabitants of the  
Tract of Land aforesaid & others who shall Inhabit & Improve  
thereon hereafter the same being Butted & Bounded as follows (viz)  
beginning at the south West Corner of the Premises at a white pine  
Tree which is the North West Corner of N<sup>o</sup> (1) and runs from thence  
North five Miles to a White Ash marked from thence East five Miles  
to a stake & stones from thence South five Miles to a Chesnut Tree  
Marked from thence west five Miles to the white pine tree first  
mentioned Be & hereby are Declared & ordained to be a Town

Corporate & are hereby Erected & Incorporated into a  
\*1-280 Body\* Politick & Corporate to have Continuance untill his  
Majestys pleasure Shall be further known by the Name of  
Wilton with all the Powers & Authoritys Priviledges Immunities &  
Franchises which any other Town in said Province by Law hold &

Enjoy, to the said Inhabitants or who shall hereafter inhabit there & their Successors for said Term always reserving to us our Heirs & Successors all White pine Trees that are or shall be found growing & being on the said Tract of Land fit for the use of our Royall Navy, Reserving Also to us our Heirs & Successors the Power & Right of Dividing the said Town when it shall appear Necessary and Convenient for the Inhabitants thereof— Provided Nevertheless & it is hereby declared that this Charter and Grant is not Intended & shall not in any Manner be Construed to Extend to or Effect the Private Property of the soil within the Limits aforesaid, & as the Several Towns within our said Province are by the Laws thereof enabled & Authorized to assemble & (by the Majority of the Voters present, to Chuse all such officers, & Transact such affairs as in the said Laws are declared, the Annual Meeting in said Town shall be held for the choice of said officers & the purposes aforesaid on the Second Monday in March Annually

In Testimony whereof we have caused the seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness Benning Wentworth Esq our Governor & Commander in Chief of our said Province, the Second day of January in the Fifth year of our Reign and in the year of our Lord Christ One thousand Seven hundred & sixty five

B Wentworth

By his Excellencys Command  
with advice of Council

Theodore Atkinson Ju<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Recorded according to the Original Charter under the Province Seal the Twenty forth day of May 1765—

Ⓢ T Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>ry</sup>

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## WINCHESTER.

[Granted by Massachusetts, April 6, 1733, to Josiah Willard and others, and called *Earlington*, afterwards *Arlington*. Incorporated as Winchester, July 2, 1753. Named from an English town. The line between Winchester and Hinsdale was established and both towns re-incorporated Sept. 26, 1753. The north-west corner of Richmond was annexed to Winchester, July 2, 1850.

See Massachusetts charters preceding; papers under title Hinsdale; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 798; X, Bouton Province and State Papers, 394, as to participation in movement for union with Vermont towns; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 687; Index to Laws, 585; historical sketch, by George W. Pierce, Hurd's History of Cheshire County, 1886, p. 541; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Cheshire County, 1885, p. 521; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 306; Records of, 1765-79, by J. L. Alexander, N. E. Hist. Gen. Register, vol. 37, p. 296, to vol. 40, p. 56; Offering of Lunenburg, Mass., to Cheshire County, by E. S. Stearns, 2, Proceedings of N. H. Historical Society, 92.]

## [WINCHESTER CHARTER, 1753.]

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\*Province of New Hampshire

{ P: 8— }

George the Second by the Grace of God of Great Brittain France & Ireland King Defender of the faith &c<sup>a</sup>

To All Persons to whom these Presents shall come  
Wenchester Greeting—

Whereas Sundry of our Loveing Subjects before the Settlement of the Divideing Line of our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid and our Other Government of the Massachusetts Bay began a Settlement of a Tract of Land Lying Partly on Connecticut River & Partly on our Said Divideing line and made Sundry Divisions of & Improvements upon the Said Tract of Land and there remaind 'till the Indian War forced them off and our Said Subjects being Desirious to make an Im'ediate Settlement on the Premises and haveing Petitioned our Governour & Council for his Majestys Grant of the Premises to be So made as might not Subvert & Distroy their former Surveys and Laying out in Severalty made thereon as aforesaid—

NOW KNOW YE that We of our Especial Grace Certain Knowledge & mere motion for Answering the Ends abovesaid And for the Due Encouragement of Settling the Said Plantation By & with the Advice of our Trusty & wellbeloved Benning Wentworth Esq our Governour & Commander in Chieff of our Said Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> in America and of our Council of the Said Province Have upon the Conditions & Reservations hereafter made Given & Grauted And by these Presents for us our heirs & successors Do Give & Grant unto our Loveing Subjects Inhabitants of our Said Province of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> And his Majestys Other Governments and to their heirs and assignes for ever whose names Are Entered on this Grant to be Divided to & Amoungst them into So many & such Shares & Proportions as they now hold or Claim the Same by Purchass Contract Vote or Agreem<sup>t</sup> made amoungst themselves All That Tract or Parcel of Land Lying & being within our Said Province of New Hampshire Containing by Admeasurement Twenty three thousand & forty Acres which Tract is to Contain Six miles Square & no more out of which an allowance is to be made for highways & unimproveable Lands by Rocks Mountains Ponds & Rivers One thousand & forty Acres free According to A Plan thereof made & Presented by our said Governours order And hereunto Annexed Butted & bounded as follows (Viz) Begining at a Beach Tree marked for the South West Corner of Richmond from thence Runing West ten

degrees North on the Province Line four miles to the Easterly Line of Northfield so Called thence runs Notherly on the Said Line to the North East Corner of Northfield aforesaid thence runs West on the afores<sup>d</sup> Line of Northfield to Connecticut River thence runing up said river to the South West Corner of Chesterfield then Runs South 78<sup>d</sup> East till that Point Intercects A line runing North by the Needle from \* the first mentioned Bound Tree \*1-170 And that the Same be And hereby is incorporated into A Township by the Name of Winchester and that the Inhabitants that Do or Shall hereafter Inhabit the Said Township Are hereby Declared to be Enfranchized with & Intituled to all & every the Previledges & Immunities that Other Towns within our Said Province By Law Exercise & Enjoy & further that the Said Town as Soon as there Shall be fifty familys resident there Shall have the Liberty to open & keep A market one or more Days in Each week as may tho<sup>t</sup> most advantageous to the Inhabitants Also that the first meeting for the Choice of Town officers and Other affairs Agreeable to the Laws of our Said Province Shall be held on the third Tuesday in August next which said Meeting Shall be notified by Josiah Willard Esq who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the Said first Meeting which he is to Notify & Govern Agreeable to the Laws & Customs of our Said Province and that the Annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of Such Officers for the said Town Shall be on the first Tuesday in March Annually TO HAVE & TO HOLD the Said Tract of Land as above Expressed togeather with all the Previledges & Appurtenances to them & there Respective heirs & assignes forever upon the following Conditions (Viz) That every Grantee his heirs & assignes Shall Plant or Cultivate five Acres of Land within the Term of five years for every fifty Acres Contained in his or their Share or Proportion of Land in the said Township & Continue to Improve & Settle the Same by aditional Cultivations on Penalty of the forfeiture of his Grant or Share in the Said Township and its reverting to his Majesty his heirs & Successors to be by him or them Regranted to Such of his Subjects as Shall Effectually Settle & Cultivate the same That all white & other Pine Trees within the Said Township fit for Mastig our Royal Navy be Carefully Preserved for that use and none to be Cut or felld without his Majestys Especial Lycence for so doing first had & obtained upon the Penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee his heirs or Assignes to us our heirs & Successors as well as being subject to the Penalty of Any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are or hereafter shall be Enacted also reserving the Power of Ading to & Divideing the Said Town so far as it relates to Incorporations only to us our heirs and successors when

it Shall Appear necessary or Convenient for the Benefit of the Inhabitants thereof—Also subjecting the unimproved Lands within this Grant to the Annual Tax of one Penny  $\frac{3}{4}$  Acre for four years from the Date hereof for building A Meeting house & Settling a Gospel Minister in the said Town—That before Any further Division of the Said Land be made \*to and amongst the Grantees A Tract of Land in the Most Comodious Place the Land will Admit of Shall be reserved & marked out for Town Lotts one of which Shall be Allotted to Each Grantee of the Contents of one Acre Yielding & Paying therefor to us our heirs & successors for the Space of Ten years to be Computed from the Date hereof the Annual Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only Commencing on the first Day of January next Ensueing the Date hereof if Lawfully Demanded—Every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant Shall Yield & Pay unto us our heirs & Successors Yearly & Every year for ever from and after the Expiration of Ten years from the Date hereof Namely on the first Day of January which will be in the year of our Lord Christ one thousand Seven hundred & Sixty four one Shilling Proclamation money for every hundred Acres he so owns Settles or Possesses and So in Proportion for A Greater or Lesser Tract of the Said Land which money Shall be paid by the Respective Persons above-said their heirs or Assigns In our Council Chamber In Portsmouth or to Such officer or officers as Shall be Appointed to Receive the Same and this to be in Lieu of All other Rents & Services whatsoever In WITNESS whereof We have Caused the Seal of our Said Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness BENNING WENTWORTH Esq our Governor & Com'ander in Chieff of our Said Province the Second Day of July in the Year of our Lord Christ 1753 And in the 27<sup>th</sup> Year of our reign

B Wentworth

By his Excellencys Comand  
with Advie of the Council  
Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

Entered & recorded According to the Original Charter under the Province Seal the 2<sup>d</sup> Day of July 1753

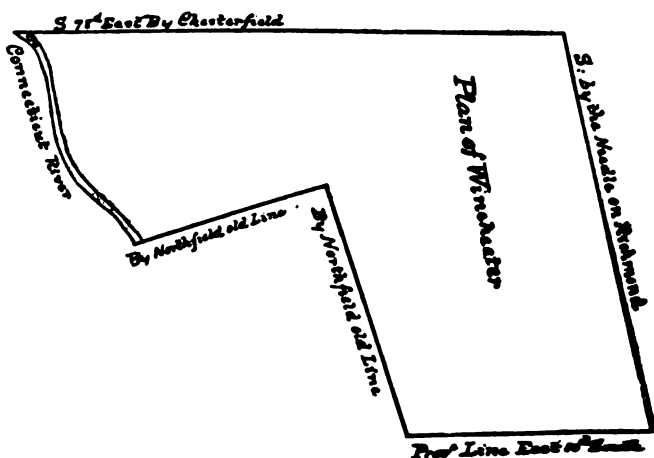
$\frac{3}{4}$  Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>

#### Names of the Grantees of Winchester

Josiah Willard,	Samuel Ashley,	Joseph Ashley,
Simon Willard,	Nathaniel Rockwood,	Ebenezer Alexander,
Elias Alexander,	William Symes,	Benjamin Melvin,
John Ellis,	Jonathan Morton,	William Orvis,

John Summers,	Henry Bond,	William Temple,
Jonathan Parkest,	Samuel Wittemore,	Elijah Root,
Jacob Davis	Samuel Taylor,	David Field,
James Jewel,	John Peirce,	Anthony Peirce,
Simon Peirce,	John Salorman,	Thadeus Mason,
Nathaniel Foster,	Josiah Foster,	Thomas Greenow,
The heirs of Joseph Lemons Deceasd		
Sarah Martin,	Joseph Richards,	Sam <sup>n</sup> Checkley jun <sup>r</sup>
Benj <sup>a</sup> Bird,	*Daniel Lewis,	Benjamin Lynde, *1-172
Francis Cogswell	Oliver Willard,	Nathan Willard,
William Willard,	Wilder Willard,	Valentine Buttler,
John Brown,	Jonathan Edward,	Moses Belding,
James Rider,	Joanna Peirce,	Joshua Merryfield,
Ebenezer Hindsdale,	Nathaniel Hastings	William Hancock,
Jabez Hill,	Will <sup>m</sup> Noyes,	Moses Chamberlain,
Ephraim Tuttle,	John Moore,	Sam <sup>n</sup> Stone,
Hezekiah Wright,	Martin Ashley,	Thomas Swetman,
Joseph Blanchard,	Samuel Field,	Timothy Minot,
Sam <sup>n</sup> Hunt,	Joshua Lymon,	His Excellency Benning Went-

worth Esq one Tract of Land Containing five hundred Acres—One  
Seventieth Parte of the Said Tract of Land for the Incorporated  
Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in forreign Parts, One  
Seventieth Part of the Said Tract for the first Settled Minister of the  
Gospell in the said Town one Seventieth Parte of the said Granted  
Tract for A Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established  
Thomas Hancock, Gains Field, Pelatia Webster, John Allin, Thomas  
Taylor—Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter for Win-  
chester this 2<sup>d</sup> Day of July 1758—      ¶ Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>y</sup>



Taken from the Plan on the back of the Charter of Winchester  
July 2<sup>d</sup> 1758

Theodore Atkinson Se<sup>r</sup>

## WINDHAM.

[Set off from Londonderry and incorporated as a parish Feb. 12, 1741-'42. The line between Windham and Salem was established Jan. 9, 1752. Portions of Londonderry were annexed Sept. 26, 1777, Nov. 26, 1778, and Dec. 25, 1805. The line between Londonderry and Windham was established Nov. 22, 1782. The line with Hudson was established July 2, 1862.]

See papers under title Londonderry; IX, Bouton Town Papers, 800; XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 695; Index to Laws, 586; sketch, by L. A. Morrison, Granite Monthly, vol. 7, p. 118, and vol. 10, pp. 86, 248, 280, 296; Bissell's Camp, by same, 5, *id.*, 213; History, by same, 1883, pp. 862; supplement to history, by same, 1892; 150th Anniversary Celebration, ed. by same, 1892; Farewell Sermon, by Samuel Harris, 1827, pp. 24; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 144; sketch, by L. A. Morrison, Hurd's History of Rockingham County, 1882, p. 553.]

### [WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING IN WINDHAM, 1750.]

[Farmer's Ms. Town Papers, Vol. 6, p. 341.]

Province of } To m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Clyd Constable for windham in  
Newhampshier } Said province Greeting

you are heareby Required to warn the freeholders and Inhabitants of windham Duly Qualified By Law to assemble and meet at Lemuel mc Cadams Barn on fridy Before noon then and there to acte on the following particulars—

1<sup>ly</sup> to See if the town will make an alteration of the Leat Line Between windham and Salem—

2<sup>dly</sup> to See if the town will have the alteration as follows Begining at the westerly angle of Londonderry East line and Runing on Said line to hittetity pond then Straight to policy pond then along Said pond to the South west End of it then Straight to pelham line so as to leave all the English Inhabitants to Salem Reserving John Dinsmoor Samuel armor Gain armor and Robert Spear and their femalyes and Estaits out of Salem to windham—

3<sup>dly</sup> to See if the town will Reconsider the voat past on the third article of a warrant for a town meeting that was held in windham the Eight Day of June last

4<sup>ly</sup> to See if the town will allow the agents Chosen at said meeting



in windham to prosecute the Busnes for which they were Chosen any further—

and after you have profermed the Service herein Required of this to make Return and of your Douings therein and this Shall by your warrant Givent under our hands at windham afore Said this Sixth Day of December 1750—

John Wilson } Select  
Joseph Clyd } men

[ACTION OF THE TOWN ON THE FOREGOING.]

[Farmer's Ms. Town Papers, Vol. 6, p. 343.]

By Vertue of the foregoing Warrant Granted By the Select Men of Windham to the Constable of S<sup>d</sup> town for Calling a town meeting of the freeholders & Inhabitants of S<sup>d</sup> Windham S<sup>d</sup> meeting Being warned according to Custom in S<sup>d</sup> town & the freeholders & Inhabitants of Windham meett at the time & place appointed in S<sup>d</sup> Warrant & after Reading the Warrant of S<sup>d</sup> meeting

Voated for moderator of S<sup>d</sup> meeting John armstrong  
Voted on the first article of the foregoing Warrant to have an alteration of the Leate Line Between Windham & Salem

Voated on the Second artickle of the foregoing Warrant to Establish the Line Between Windham & Salem agreeable to the Second artickle of the Warrant

Voated on the third artickle of the foregoing Warrant to Reconsider a former Voat passed in Windham on the third artickle of a Warrant for a town meeting that was held in Windham the eighth day of June Last S<sup>d</sup> voat was Reconsidered

Voated on the fourth artickle of the foregoing Warrant not to allow the agents Chosen at a former meeting held in Windham June the Eighth to prosecute the Business any further in the town or parish of Windhams Behalf

a true Coppey of the acts of S<sup>d</sup> meeting

Will<sup>m</sup> Gregg Town Clark

WOODSTOCK.

[Granted Sept. 23, 1763, to Eli Demerit and others, and incorporated as *Peel-ing*. Regranted Dec. 17, 1771, to Nathaniel Cushman and others, and named *Fairfield*. The name was changed to Woodstock June 19, 1840.

See IX, Bouton Town Papers, 655; Index to Laws, 423, 591; sketch, Child's Gazetteer of Grafton County, 1886, p. 641; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 1; Mt. Waternomee and the Blue Ridge, by M. I. Stone, 4, Appalachia, 75; The White Mountains, A Guide to Their Interpretation, by J. H. Ward, 1890, p. 15.]

## [PEELING CHARTER, 1768.]

\*3-58

\*Province of New-Hampshire.

Peeling

{ P. S. }

GEORGE THE THIRD,

By the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith &amp;c.

*To all Persons to whom these Presents shall come,*  
Greeting.

KNOW Ye, that We of Our special Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, for the due Encouragement of settling a *New Plantation* within our said Province, by and with the Advice of our Trusty and Well-beloved BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, in *New-England*, and of Our COUNCIL of the said Province; HAVE upon the Conditions and Reservations herein after made, given and granted, and by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, do give and grant in equal Shares, unto Our loving Subjects, Inhabitants of Our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, and Our other Governments, and to their Heirs and Assigns for ever, whose Names are entred on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Ninety Eight equal Shares, all that Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being within our said Province of *New-Hampshire*, containing by Admeasurement, 25000 Acres, which Tract is to contain Something More than Six Miles square, and no more; out of which an Allowance is to be made for High Ways and unimprovable Lands by Rocks, Ponds, Mountains and Rivers, One Thousand and Forty Acres free, according to a Plan and Survey thereof, made by Our said Governor's Order, and returned into the Secretary's Office, and hereunto annexed, butted and bounded as follows, *Viz.* Begining at A Stake & Stones Standing at the Distance of Six Miles and an half upon A Point South fifty Eight degrees East from the South Easterly Corner Bounds of Haverhill a Township Lately Granted in this Province & from thence runs South fifty Nine Degrees East Six Miles to A Stake & Stones then turning off & runing North Thirty Degreest East Six Miles and three quarters to Stake & Stones then Turning off & Runing North fifty five West Seven Miles to a Stake & Stones then turning off & runing South about Twenty four Degrees West on a Strait Line to the Bounds began at And that the same be, and hereby is Incorporated into a Township by the Name of Peeling—And the Inhabitants that do or shall hereafter inhabit the said Township, are hereby declared to be Enfranchized with and Intitled to all and every the Priviledges and Immunities that other Towns within Our Province by Law Exercise and Enjoy: And further, that the said

that as soon as the said Town shall consist of Fifty Families, a Market may be \*opened and kept one or more Days in \*3-59 each Week, as may be thought most advantagious to the Inhabitants. Also, that the first Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, agreeable to the Laws of our said Province, shall be held on the first Tuesday in November next which said Meeting shall be Notified by Joshua Wingate who is hereby also appointed the Moderator of the said first Meeting, which he is to Notify and Govern agreeable to the Laws and Customs of Our said Province; and that the annual Meeting for ever hereafter for the Choice of such Officers for the said Town, shall be on the Second Tuesday of *March* annually, To HAVE and to HOLD the said Tract of Land as above expressed, together with all Privileges and Appurtenances, to them and their respective Heirs and Assigns forever, upon the following Conditions, viz.

II. That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Township, fit for Masting Our Royal Navy, be carefully preserved for that Use, and none to be cut or felled without Our special Licence for so doing first had and obtained, upon the Penalty of the Forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee, his Heirs and Assigns, to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as well as being subject to the Penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are, or hereafter shall be Enacted.

IV. Yielding and paying therefor to Us, our Heirs and Successors for the Space of ten Years, to be computed from the Date hereof, the Rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only, on the twenty-fifth Day of

*December* annually, if lawfully demanded, the first Payment to be made on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*. 1768

V. Every Proprietor, Settler or Inhabitant, shall yield and pay unto Us, our Heirs and Successors yearly, and every Year forever, from and after the Expiration of ten Years from the abovesaid twenty-fifth Day of *December*, namely, on the twenty-fifth Day of *December*, which will be in the Year of Our Lord 1773 *One shilling* Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns, settles or possesses, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land; which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid, their Heirs or Assigns, in our *Council Chamber* in *Portsmouth*, or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same; and this to be in Lieu of all other Rents and Services whatsoever.

In Testimony whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed. Witness BENNING WENTWORTH, Esq; Our Governor and Commander in Chief of Our said Province, the Twenty third Day of September In the Year of our Lord CHRIST, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty three And in the Third Year of Our Reign.

B Wentworth

By His EXCELLENCY's Command,  
With Advice of COUNCIL,  
Theodore Atkinson jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

Prov<sup>e</sup> of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1763

Recorded According to the Original Charter under the Prov<sup>e</sup> Seal

Ⓢ T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>

\*3-60 \*Names of the Grantees of Peeling—Viz.—

Eli Demerit	Isaac Twomley	Rich <sup>d</sup> Kimball
Dudley Watson	Otis Pinkham	Cap <sup>t</sup> Rich <sup>d</sup> Waldron
W <sup>m</sup> Hanson	Meshech Drew	James Chesley
Icabod Canney	Elijah Eastes	Nehemiah Kimball
Joshua Wingate	John Church	Thomas Hanson
Silas Hanson	Robert Huckins	John Horne jun <sup>r</sup>
Daniel Hayes	Maul Hanson	Daniel Horne
William Demeret	Timothy Roberson	Samuel Ambross
Stephen Pinkham	John Tibbets	Samuel Ricker
John Huckings	Moses Roberts	Eph <sup>m</sup> Kimball
Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Demeret	Aaron Roberts	Will <sup>m</sup> Horne 3 <sup>d</sup>
Job Demeret	Obediah Drew	Otis Baker
Tim <sup>o</sup> Moses	W <sup>m</sup> Twomley 3 <sup>d</sup>	Joseph Ham jun <sup>r</sup>
John Demeret	Will <sup>m</sup> Allen	Thomas Tuttle jun <sup>r</sup>

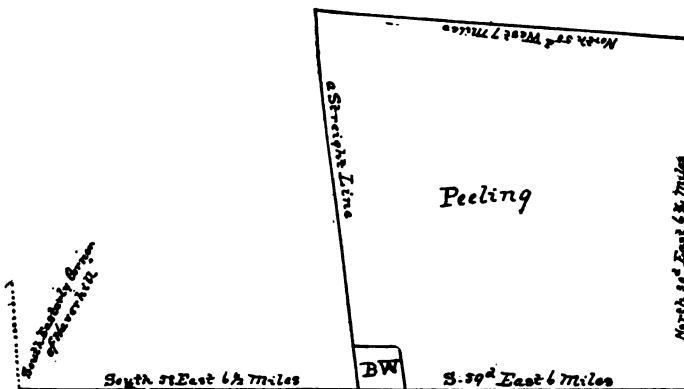
Robert Hill	Moses Wingate	William Hanson
John Demert jun <sup>r</sup>	William Twomley jun <sup>r</sup>	James Tuttle
James Clark	Joseph Drew	W <sup>m</sup> Leighton
John Bussell	Clem <sup>t</sup> Drew	Hatevil Leighton
Henry Bussell	Joseph Hanson	Jotham Nute
Joseph Evens	Jon <sup>a</sup> Cushing	Solomon Demeret
Daniel Evens	Joseph Roberts	Benj <sup>a</sup> Hill
Henry Tibbets	Israel Hodgson	Samuel Emerson
Joseph Hall	Joshua Ham	Sam <sup>l</sup> Ham
Stephen Otis	Tobias Randell	Tho <sup>a</sup> Tuttle 3 <sup>d</sup>
John Wingate jun <sup>r</sup>	Ambros Bantom	Silas Tuttle
Tobias Hanson	Samuel Alley	Elijah Astin
James Young	Ralph Twomley	Caleb Hodgdon
Isaac Canney	Howard Henderson Jun <sup>r</sup>	Rich <sup>d</sup> Canney
Nathaniel Lummas	Shadrach Hodgdon	John Wingate
Joseph Twomley	John Tuttle	
The Hon <sup>ble</sup> Daniel Warner, Joseph Newmarch and James Nevin Esq <sup>'rs</sup> .		

His Excellency Benning Wentworth Esq a Tract of Land to Contain five Hundred Acres as Marked in the Plan B-W—which is to be Accounted two of the within Shares one whole Share for the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in foreign Parts One whole Share for A Glebe for the Church of England as by Law Established—one Share for the first Settled Minister of the Gospel. in s<sup>d</sup> Town & one Share for the Benefit of A School in Said Town for ever

Pro<sup>v</sup> of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1763

Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter of Peeling under the Pr<sup>o</sup> Seal—

T Atkinson Jun<sup>r</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup>



Prov<sup>o</sup> of New Hamp<sup>r</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup> 23-1763  
 Recorded from the Back of the Original Charter of Peeling under  
 the Prov<sup>o</sup> Seal

¶ T Atkinson Jun Sec<sup>r</sup>

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[FAIRFIELD CHARTER, 1771.]

\*4-59 \*Province of New Hampshire.

(Fairfield.) GEORGE the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c<sup>a</sup>—

To all People to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting—

KNOW YE that we of our special Grace certain knowledge & mere Motion for the due encouragement of settling a new plantation within our said Province of New Hampshire by & with the advice of our Trusty & well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor & Commander in Chief in & over our said Province of New Hampshire in New England & of our Council of the said Province, Have upon the Conditions & Reservations herein after made given and granted and by these Presents for us our heirs and Successors do give and grant unto our loving Subjects Inhabitants of our said Province of New Hampsh<sup>r</sup> & our other Dominions who have Petitioned us for the same, setting forth their readiness to make immediate Settlement & to their Heirs and Assigns for Ever whose Names are enter'd on this Grant, to be divided to and amongst them into Seventy Equal Shares all that Tract or parcel of Land situate lying and being within our said Province called & known by the Name of Peeling being something more than Six Miles square & containing by admeasurement Thirty Six thousand seven hundred & fifty Acres out of which an allowance is to be made for highways & unimprovable Lands by Rocks Ponds Mountains & Rivers One thousand & Forty Acres free according to a plan or Survey thereof exhibited by our Surveyor General of Lands for our said Province by our said Governor's Order & returned into the Secretary's Office of our said Province a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed Butted & Bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup> Beginning at a Beech Tree, being the North Westerly corner of Thornton, from thence running South 5 Deg<sup>a</sup> West 4 Miles &  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a Mile by Thornton west line to a red birch Tree being the N. Easterly corner of Trecothick, from thence North 59 Deg<sup>a</sup> West on the Northerly line of Trecothick 6 Miles to a red Birch Tree being the N. Westerly Corner of Trecothick, from thence South 24 Deg<sup>a</sup> West 72 Rods to a spruce Tree, from thence North 58 Deg<sup>a</sup> West 1 Mile & 73 Rods on Warren line to a Stake & Stones, from

thence North 13 Deg<sup>s</sup> East 2 Miles & 64 Rods to a stake & stones, from thence North 58 Deg<sup>s</sup> West 2 Miles & 219 Rods to a stake & Stones, from thence North 25, Deg<sup>s</sup> East on the Easterly line of land lately granted to George Meserve Esq<sup>r</sup> 2 Miles & 193 Rods to a birch Tree being the S. Westerly corner of land lately granted to George King Esq<sup>r</sup>, from thence South Fifty five Deg<sup>s</sup> East 2 Miles to a spruce tree being the S. Easterly corner of said King's Land, from thence North 25 Deg<sup>s</sup> East 2 Miles &  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a Mile to a Maple Tree standing in the Southerly line of Landaff, from thence South 55 Deg<sup>s</sup> East 2 Miles & 70 Rods to a stake & Stones being the South Easterly corner of Landaff, \*from thence North \*4-60 20 Deg<sup>s</sup> East 48 Rods to a beech Tree being the S. Westerly corner of Lincoln, from thence South 58 Deg<sup>s</sup> East 5 Miles & 57 Rods to Land lately granted to John Goffe Esq<sup>r</sup> from thence South 2 Miles and 61 Rods to a stake and Stones and from thence West one Mile & 217 Rods to the beech Tree began at. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of Land as above express'd together with all the Priviledges & Appurtenances to them the said Grantees & to their respective Heirs & Assigns for ever by the name of FAIRFIELD upon the following Conditions Viz<sup>t</sup>

FIRST That the Grantees at their own cost shall cut clear bridge & make passable for Carriages of all Kinds a Road of Three Rods wide thro' the said Town hereby granted, to be completed in Two years from the date of this Grant, in failure of which the premises & every part thereof shall be forfeited & revert to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them reenter'd upon & regranted to any of our loving Subjects.—

SECOND. That the said Grantees shall settle or cause to be settled Ten Families by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 1774, who shall be actually cultivating some part of the Land & resident thereon & to continue making further & additional Improvement Cultivation & Settlement of the Premises so that there shall be actually settled and resident thereon SEVENTY Families by the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 1779, on penalty of the forfeiture of any and every Delinquent's Share & of such Share or Share's reverting to us our Heirs and Successors to be by us or them enter'd upon & regranted to such of our Subjects as shall effectually settle & cultivate the same.—

THIRD That all white & other Pine Trees within the said Township fit for Masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use & none to be cut or felled without our special Licence for so doing first had & obtained upon the penalty of the forfeiture of the Right of such Grantee his Heirs and Assigns to us our Heirs and Successors as well as being subject to the penalty of any Act or Acts of Parliament that now are or hereafter shall be enacted.—

**FOURTH** That before any Division of the Land be made to and among the Grantees a Tract of Land as near the centre of the said Township as the land will admit of shall be reserved and marked out for Town Lots one of which shall be allotted to each Grantee of the contents of one Acre.—

**FIFTH** Yielding and paying therefor to us our Heirs and Successors on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1776, the rent of one Ear of Indian Corn only if lawfully demanded.—

**SIXTH**—That every Proprietor Settler or Inhabitant shall \*4-61 yield and pay \*unto us our Heirs and Successors yearly and every year for Ever from and after the expiration of Five years from the date of this Grant ONE SHILLING Proclamation Money for every Hundred Acres he so owns settles or possesses and so in proportion for a greater or lesser Tract of the said Land, which Money shall be paid by the respective Persons abovesaid their heirs or Assigns in our Council Chamber in Portsm<sup>o</sup> or to such officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same: & these to be in lieu of all other Rents & Services whatsoever.—

IN TESTIMONY whereof We have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed Witness our aforesaid Governor & Commander in chief the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December in the 12th. year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1771.

The Names of the Grantees of Fairfield, Viz<sup>t</sup>

Nathaniel Cushman	Jonathan Trumball Jun <sup>r</sup>	Samuel Robinson
Heuchman Bennet	David Trumball	John Hurd
Polycarpus Cushman	Joseph Trumball	Samuel Robinson Jun <sup>r</sup>
Artemias Cushman	John Trumball	Ebenezer Leech
William Cushman	David Barbur	Henry Burt
Nathaniel Hatch	Caleb Abel	Benjamin Lothrop
James Lassel	Roland Swift	Elijah Tisel
John Crocker	Benj <sup>a</sup> Lyman	Jacob Elliott
Joshua Elderkin	Jedediah Strong	William Simms
Joshua Booth Elderkin	Jeded <sup>h</sup> Strong Jun <sup>r</sup>	W <sup>m</sup> Simms Jun <sup>r</sup>
Oliver Barbur	Ebenezer Garey	George Simms
William Williams	Asabel Clark Jun <sup>r</sup>	Jacob Sheaffe Jun <sup>r</sup>
Obadiah Barbur	Allerton Cushman J <sup>r</sup>	D <sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Thompson
Aaron Barbur	Ambrose Cushman	William Torrey
Abner Flint	Simon Clark	David Boynton
John Crocker Jun <sup>r</sup>	Consider Cushman	Tho <sup>s</sup> Curtain Cheevers
Isaac Cushman	Joab Cushman	Supply Clapp
Nath <sup>l</sup> Cushman Jun <sup>r</sup>	Solomon Williams	Jacob Tilton of Portsm <sup>o</sup>
Caleb Abell Jun <sup>r</sup>	Alexander Phelps	John Sherburne Esq:



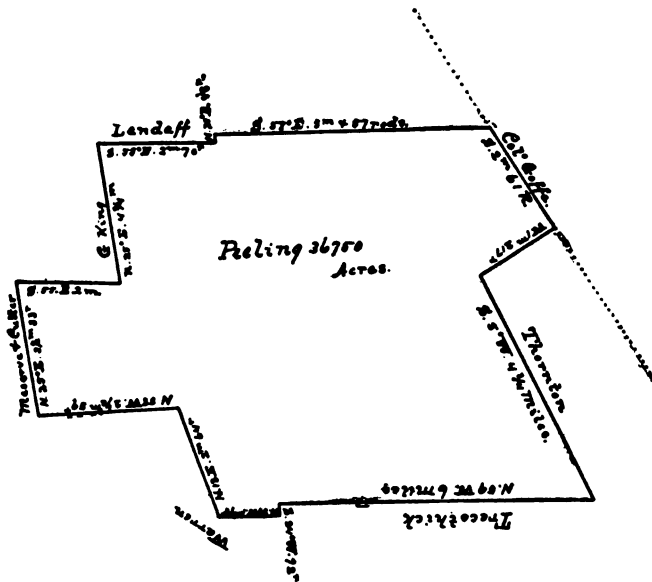
Roland Swift Jun<sup>r</sup>      Neziah Bliss      Thomas Shannon  
 Silas Swift      Jehiel Rose      James Holland  
 John Strong      Samuel Clark Jun<sup>r</sup>      Nathaniel Hurd of Boston  
 Thomas Williams Sam<sup>l</sup> Clark 3<sup>d</sup> Samuel Hall of Salem Prov<sup>ce</sup> Mass<sup>a</sup> Bay

By His Excell<sup>ty</sup> Command {  
 with advice of Council.— J' { L. S. } Wentworth.  
 Theodore Atkinson Secretary.

Prov<sup>ce</sup> of New Hampshire—17. December 1771

Recorded according to the Original Charter under the Province Seal.—

Theodore Atkinson Sec<sup>ry</sup>



Province of New Hampshire } Portsmouth 13<sup>th</sup> December 1771.—

These may Certify that this Plan of Peeling (so called) Beginning at a Beech Tree, which Tree is the Northwestern corner bounds of Thornton, from thence running S. 5° W. 4 Miles &  $\frac{1}{4}$  on said Thornton West Line to a Red birch Tree being the North westerly corner Bounds of Trecothick, from thence N. 59° W. on the Northerly line of said Trecothick 6 Miles to a Red birch Tree being the N. West-

erly Corner Bounds of Trecothick from thence S. 24° W. 72 Rods to a Spruce Tree, from thence N. 58° W. 1 mile & 73 Rods on Warren line to a Stake & Stones, from thence N. 13° E. 2 Miles & 64 Rods to a stake & Stones, from thence N. 58° W. 2 miles & 219 Rods to a stake & Stones, from thence N. 25° E. on the Easterly line of Land lately granted to George Meserve Esq<sup>r</sup> 2 Miles & 193 Rods to a Birch Tree being the South westerly corner bounds of Land granted to George King Esq<sup>r</sup> from thence S. 55° E. 2 miles to a Spruce Tree being the S° Easterly corner Bounds of said Land, from thence N. 25° E. 2½ Miles to a Maple Tree, standing in the Southerly line of Landaff, from thence S. 55° E. 2 miles & 70 Rods to a stake & stones being the S. Easterly corner Bounds of said Landaff, from thence N. 20° E. 48 Rods to a Beech Tree being the S. Westerly corner Bounds of Lincoln (so called) from thence S. 58° E. 5 miles and 57 Rods to Land lately granted to Col<sup>o</sup> John Goffe from thence S. 2 Miles & 61 rods to a stake & Stones, from thence West 1 Mile & 217 Rods to the Bounds first mentioned, Contains 36750 Acres of Land & is found by the Surveys of the Towns & several Tracts of Land bounding on said Peeling

Attest<sup>r</sup> Is. Rindge S<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup>—

[GRANT TO JOHN GOFFE, 1768.]

\*1-352 \*Province of New }  
Hampshire }  
(Jn<sup>o</sup> Goffe's Grant)

GEORGE the Third by the grace of  
God of Great Britain France and Ire-  
land KING defender of the faith and  
and so forth.

{ L. S. }

TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come GREET-  
ING.

WHEREAS we have thought fit by our Proclamation at S<sup>t</sup> James's the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October in the 3<sup>d</sup> Year of our Reign Anno: Dom: 1763 (among other Things to testify our Royal sense & approbation of the Conduct and Bravery of the officers & soldiers of our Armies & signified our desire to reward the same and have therein commanded & empower'd our several Governors of our respective Provinces on the Continent of America to grant without fee or reward to such reduced Officers as have served in North America during the late War and to such Private Soldiers as have been or shall be disbanded there & shall personally apply for the same such quantities of land respectively as in and by our aforesaid Procl<sup>a</sup> are particularly mentioned subject nevertheless to the same Quit rents & Conditions of Cultivation and improvement as other our Lands are

subject to in the Province in which they are granted. AND WHEREAS JOHN GOFFE of Derryfield in our said Province Esq<sup>r</sup> had our appointment as CAPTAIN and served during the late War and is now reduced & he having personally applied & solicited for such Grant agreeable to our aforesaid Proclamation—KNOW YE that we of our special grace certain knowledge & mere motion do signify our approbation as aforesaid & for encouraging the settlement & Cultivation of our lands within our said Province of New Hampshire in New England HAVE by and with the advice of our trusty & well beloved JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup> our Governor & Commander in chief of our said Province and of our Council of the same (agreeable to our aforesaid in part recited Proclamation & upon the Conditions and reservations hereafter mentioned) Given and granted & by these Presents for us our heirs & successors DO give and grant unto the said JOHN GOFFE & to his heirs & Assigns forever a certain tract of Land containing Two thousand five hundred Acres lying and being within our Province of New Hampshire aforesaid butted and bounded as follows Viz<sup>t</sup>. Beginning at the North side line of Thornton where the said line crosses Pewigewasset River \*and \*1-353 from thence runs West on said line One hundred and Forty two rods to a hemlock Tree marked then pursuing the same course (West) one hundred and eleven rods to a stake and Stones then turning off at right angles runs North two miles and one quarter of a mile to a stake and Stones then turning off and running East one hundred and eleven rods to a beech tree marked then pursuing the same course one mile to a rock maple marked then turning off runs South one hundred & sixty rods to a beech Tree marked then turning off again runs East one mile to a beech tree then South Two hundred & Eighty rods to a beech Tree marked then turning off runs West one mile to a stake then turning off runs South Two hundred & eighty rods to a beech Tree marked then turning off runs West on Thornton line aforesaid to Pemigewasset river where the bounds began. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract of land as above express'd to him the said John and to his heirs & assigns forever upon the following Terms Conditions & Reservations Viz<sup>t</sup> FIRST That the said Grantee shall cut, clear & make passable for Carriages &c<sup>a</sup> a road of three rods Wide thro' the said Tract as shall at any time hereafter be directed or order'd by the Governor & Council aforesaid which road is to be completed in Two Years from the date of such Order or direction of the Governor & Council aforesaid on penalty of the forfeiture of this Grant & of its reverting to us our heirs and Successors. SECOND that the said Grantee shall settle or cause to be settled five Families in four Years from the date of this

Grant, in failure whereof the Premises to revert to us our heirs & successors to be by us or them enter'd upon & regranted to any such of our subjects as shall effectually settle & cultivate the same. **THIRD** That all white and other Pine Trees within the said Tract fit for masting our Royal Navy be carefully preserved for that use & none to be cut or fell'd without our special licence for so doing first had and obtained on penalty of the forfeiture of the right of the Grantee in the said Tract of land his heirs & Assigns to us our heirs & successors as well as being subject to the penalties prescribed by any present as well as future Act or Acts of Parliament. **FOURTH** Yielding & paying therefor to us our heirs & successors on or before the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September 1773 the rent of one ear of Indian corn only if lawfully demanded. **FIFTH** that the said Grantee his heirs

or Assigns shall yield & pay unto us our Heirs & Successors \*1-354 yearly & every Year for \* ever from and after the expiration of one year from the abovesaid 29<sup>th</sup> day of Sept<sup>r</sup> namely on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of Sept<sup>r</sup> which will be in the year of our Lord 1774 One Shilling Proclamation money for every hundred Acres he so owns, Settles or Possesses & so in proportion for a Greater or lesser tract of the land aforesaid; which money shall be paid by the respective Owner Possessor or Settler as aforesaid in our Council chamber in Portsm<sup>o</sup> or to such Officer or Officers as shall be appointed to receive the same: & these to be in lieu of all other rents & services whatsoever.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused the Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed **WITNESS JOHN WENTWORTH Esq<sup>r</sup>** our aforesaid Governor & Commander in Chief the 9<sup>th</sup> day of Sept<sup>r</sup> in the 9<sup>th</sup> year of our Reign Annoque Domini 1769.

J<sup>r</sup> Wentworth—

By his Excellency's Command }  
with advice of Council }  
Geo: King D<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>ry</sup>—





# APPENDIX.

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*[Boycott of John Hurd and Asa Porter, 1775.]*

Whereas it appears to us, that in almost every Instance, Col<sup>o</sup> John Hurd, and Lieu<sup>t</sup> Colonel Asa Porter, do and are Acting contrary to the Intrest of the Society of Haverhill, and Newbury, and to the town and propriety of Haverhill in perticular; and to the Intrest of the whole County of Grafton——

In that when the said John Hurd & Asa Porter knew, that the Revr<sup>d</sup> Peter Powers was settled as a Minister for both Towns for more than Seven years, and that they knew, there was not many If more than two persons of the Church of England in the Town of Haverhill, that they should recommend M<sup>r</sup> Ranny Cossit to Governor Wintworth, and the Bishop of London, that he might be, Ordained as minister over Haverhill; that they do use their Endeavors, that said Cossit should have and Enjoy, the ministerial Right in said Town that whereas some of the town at Plymouth Court, made Request to Col<sup>o</sup> John Hurd, who is a Judge for the County of Grafton, whether the cause between Timothy Barron and M<sup>r</sup> Ranny Cossit would be tried, that said Hurd Declared that it would not, nor could not, without a special Court, on which the Cause was Neglected, at the same Court, M<sup>r</sup> Barron was Defaulted, Execution Issued, & Presented &c

That said Asa Porter, of his own head did carry on the building of the Court-House for said County in the most Extravigent way, that the said Hurd, Connived at the same And it is believed, that he really Assisted said Porter in his Wickedness, and used his Endeavor, to get his enormous bill allowed——

Upon Consideration whereof; we and each of us Look upon both of these Gentlemen V<sup>iz</sup> Col<sup>o</sup> Hurd & Porter, as publick enemy's to the good of said Society, and County, and as such we do Engage to treat them; and promise, that from, and after the date of this agreement, not to have any Connections with Either of them (entertainment at publick Houses, and their proper turns to be Serv'd at the Gris-mills only Excepted) not so much as to trade, lend, borrow, or Labour, with them, (their Publick offices as Justices &c of the County accepted) And we further Ingage, that we will not hold any Corrospondance, nor have any Dealings with any that hold with said Col<sup>o</sup> Hurd, or Porter, untill they shall willingly make Publick satisfaction for what they done to the premises——

Haverhill Jan<sup>y</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1775

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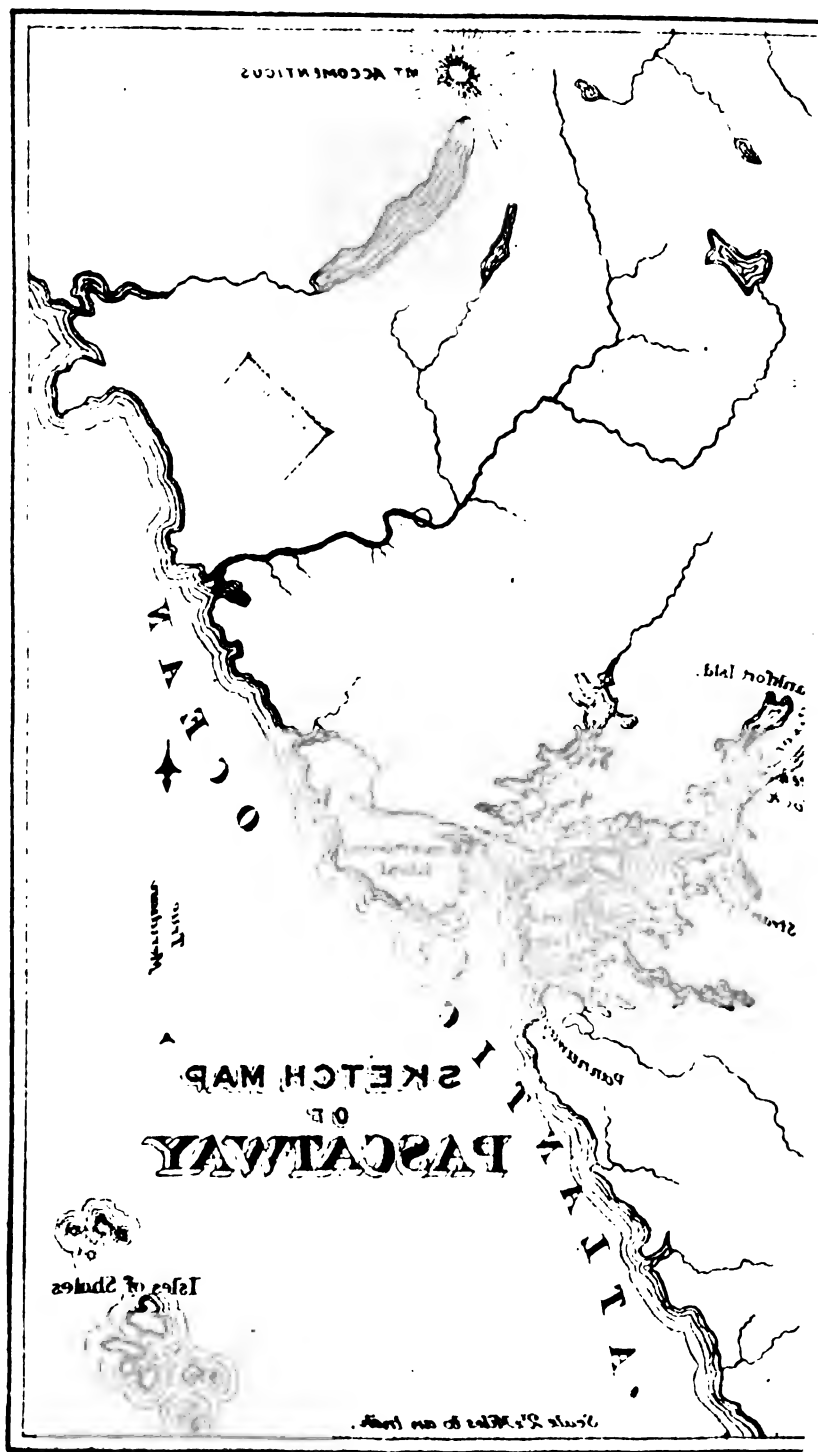
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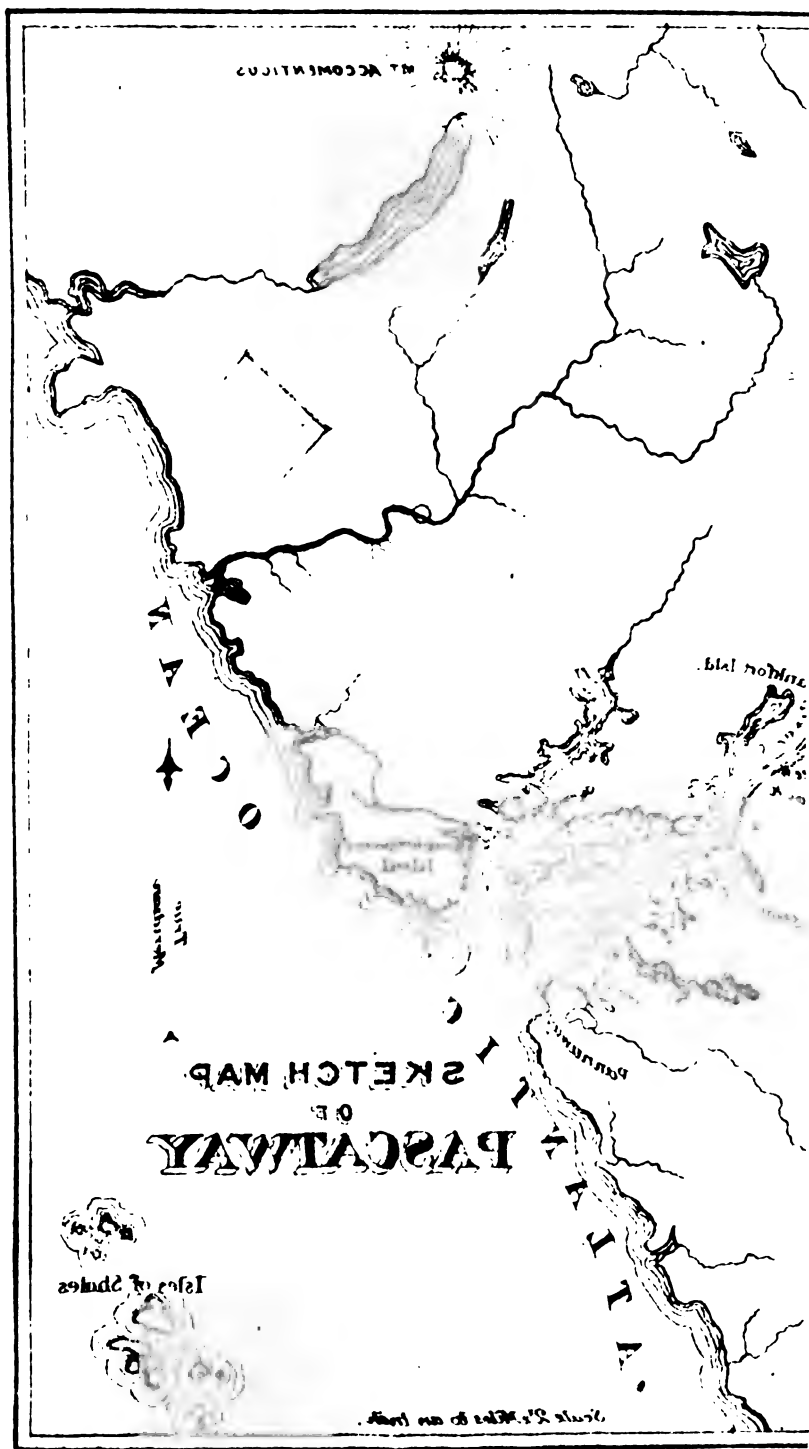
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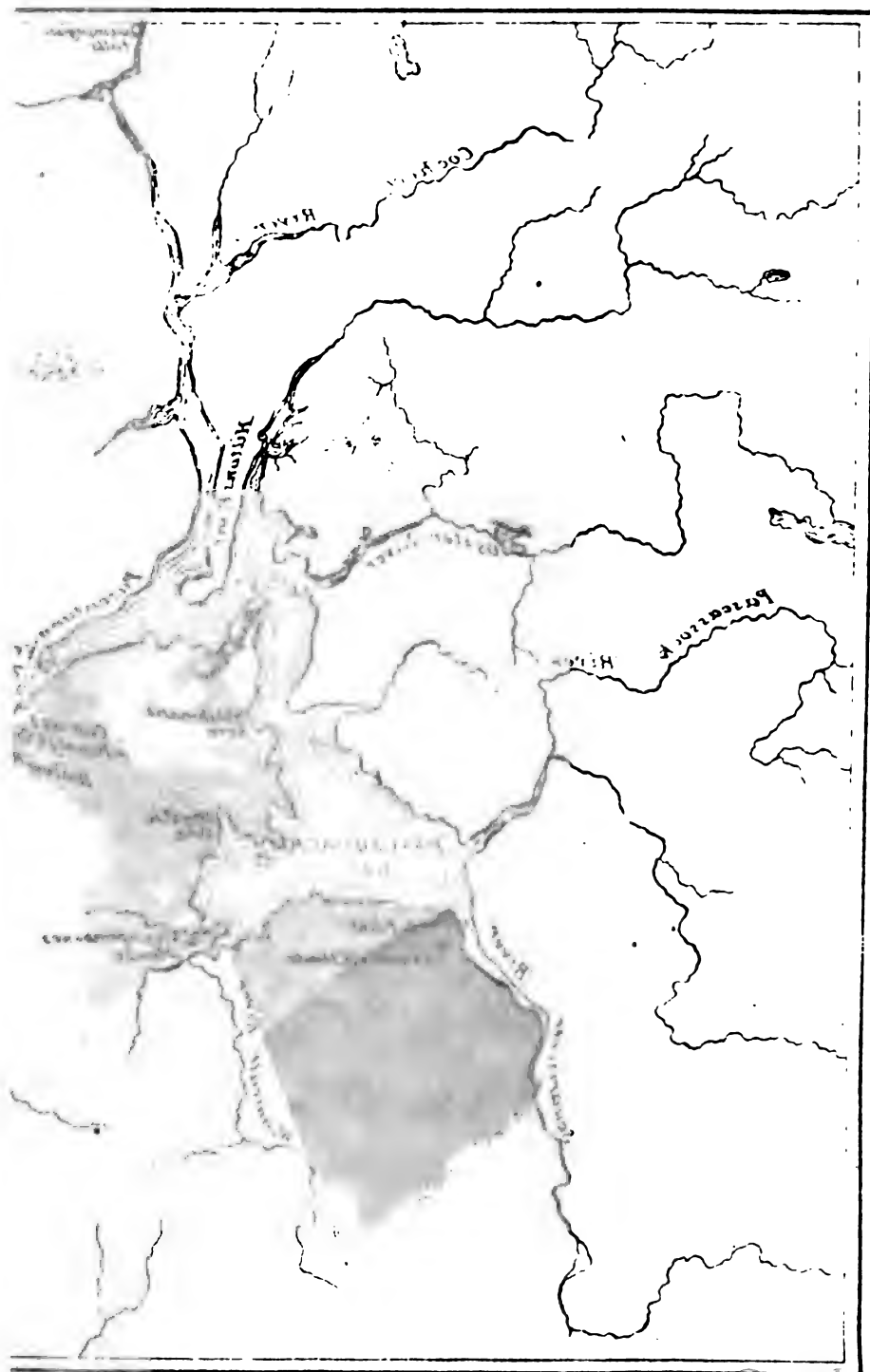












## THE FIRST PLANTING OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Whether the first settlement within the limits of New Hampshire was made at Little Harbor near the mouth of the Piscataqua, or at Dover Neck some six miles up the river, is a question which has long employed the studies and pens of our local antiquaries, and of late has found its way into the discussions and acts of our Legislature. Each of these localities has its warm partizans, who have brought to the controversy research and ingenuity in such equal measure, that the question seems, indeed, to have been buried still deeper in doubt and obscurity by their confusing speculations. It is much to be regretted that uncertainty should rest over the most interesting of all periods in the history of our state, that of its birth and infancy; and we feel that an effort to clear away this uncertainty and to bring out into the light the truthful picture of those earliest days, will well be worth the making.

The date of the settlement upon the promontory, now called Odiorne's Point, at the smaller mouth of the Piscataqua river, is not a matter of dispute. Mr. David Thomson, a resident of Plymouth, England, having procured from the Grand Council of Plymouth, Nov. 15, 1622, a patent for six thousand acres of land to be selected by him in New England, sailed from Plymouth in mid-winter with a handful of colonists in the good ship called the "Jonathan of Plymouth," (the Mayflower of New Hampshire,) and arrived at the Piscataqua in the early spring of 1623. Mr. Thomson's design was to found a plantation, convenient for trade and the fisheries, somewhere near the mouth of the Piscataqua river, and as he had visited New England in previous years, and was familiar with the coast, it seems probable that the site of his settlement had been determined upon before he left England upon his present enterprise. David Thomson is described by Morton in "The New England Canaan," published in 1637 as being "a scottish gentleman, that was conversant with those people (the natives) a scholar and traveller that was diligent in taking notice of those things, as a man of good judgment."

The original agreement or indenture, under which Thomson came over, was recovered several years ago among the ancient Winthrop papers, and has recently been published by Charles Deane, Esq., accompanied by copious and learned notes. From this it appears

that Thomson had three Plymouth merchants as partners or co-adventurers with him in his enterprise, named Abraham Colmer, Nicholas Sherwill and Leonard Pomerie, who were to contribute to the expenses of founding and carrying on the new plantation, and to share in its property at the expiration of the partnership. David Thomson's colony, which first landed with him at Little Harbor, comprised probably not more than ten men.

The indenture referred to provided that the little colony "so landed, shall and will use their best endeavor (by the direcon of said David Thomson) with as much conveniencie as maye be, to find out . . . some fitt place to settle and Builde some houses or buildings for habitacons, on which they are to begin with as much expedicon as they maye; to the lymits and precincts of which habitacons or buildings soe intended to be there erected, there shall be allotted of the lands next thereunto adjoininge, at or before the end of five years next ensuing the date hereof, the full quantitie of six hundred acres of land or neere thereabouts."

In pursuance of this clause of the Indenture, Thomson and his men selected the Point at Little Harbor as a "fitt place to build their houses for habitacons" and began upon them with as much *expedicon* as they could. The site selected for the settlement was chosen with excellent judgement. From the Little Harbor fronting the north side of the promontory a salt water creek runs back so far towards the ocean, as almost to convert the enclosed point into an island of about six hundred acres area, which was the precise amount of land required by the Indenture to be allotted to the new plantation. The soil is good, and among the rocks on the harbor shore is a living spring of fresh water. The harbor is safe and accessible at all times to vessels of light draught, and most commodiously situated for the prosecution of the fisheries, as well as for the peltry traffic with the Indians of Sagamore Creek and Piscataqua river. Above all other advantages in those perilous times, the Point, rising on every side towards its center and almost surrounded by water, was easily defensible against the assaults of the savages. These considerations probably determined Thomson in the selection of this site for the new plantation, which he named, perhaps from the Indian appellation, "Pannaway"—a name, which seems however not to have survived the period of Thomson's own occupation and ownership of the plantation.

The principal dwelling house erected at Pannaway was built of stone, and of considerable size. Hubbard informs us that "the chimney and some part of the stone wall were standing in his day" (1680). The house, which, a few years after its erection, passed

into the hands of Capt. John Mason and his associates, was afterwards called by these proprietors "Piscataqua House," and sometimes in popular parlance, "Captain Mason's stone house." It was never designated, we believe, Mason's Hall, though Hubbard and his followers have stated to the contrary. The term "Mason's Hall" was sometimes though rarely applied to the "Great House" at Strawberry Bank, erected by the adventurers of Laconia about 1631.\*

Thomson's House, erected in 1623 at Pannaway, seems from its remains to have been laid upon a foundation of sea sand and small stones packed close into a trench. The sea sand is identical in appearance with that still abundantly found on the harbor shore in front of the house. There was no cellar beneath the building. The walls above the foundations were built of a slate-like shale laid in blue clay, both of which material are abundant in that immediate neighborhood. Gov. Winthrop built for himself a dwelling house at Mistick of similar material a few years later.† When not greatly exposed to the rain, the tough clay of Little Harbor is as durable as the best mortar. The chimney of the ancient Jaffrey house at New Castle, as Mr. Albee, its present occupant, informs us, was laid in this clay two centuries ago, and still stands strong and solid.

With these materials close at hand, Thomson and his colony could have erected a comfortable and spacious habitation in a short time after their landing. Little or nothing would have been required from England for that purpose beyond window glass, hardware and household utensils. The site of the Pannaway house is still confidently pointed out by the present owners of the territory, and part of the foundation walls are believed to have been exposed by the excavations for a road, which, thirty years ago, was laid out from the main highway to the harbor. Close by the house, the foundations of a small building, supposed to have been a blacksmith's shop, are pointed out. Among its debris have been recently found, by very slight excavations along the road-side, charcoal and ashes, nails, pieces of iron, a pipe-stem, etc., and also, strange to relate, parts of a human skeleton. No doubt several other buildings were erected around the principal dwelling, such as a cooper's shop, a carpenter's shop, storehouses, boat houses and barns, but no remains of these have as yet been discovered.

The fishing stages and fish houses, we conjecture, were put up in the sheltered coves upon the ocean side of the point, and in close proximity to *Flake Hill* as it is called, where, according to tradition, the fish were dried. In one of these coves are still to be seen numbers of wooden spiles driven into the sand, which once served,

\* See Jenness Orig. Docs. relating to New Hampshire. † Winthrop, 68.

probable, as a foundation for fish houses or boat houses. Beyond Flake Hill and the main building lies a well filled cemetery, which holds all that remains of the first settlers of New Hampshire. From the long space between the head stones and foot stones, many of which are still standing, this cemetery seems to have been a graveyard of men. We found no small graves in this ancient *God's Acre*. Nature herself has erected a most appropriate monument to the memory of the hardy, daring men who laid the foundations of our state amid the dangers and privations of the wilderness, and have here at last taken up their rest. Out of the very graves near the center of the small cemetery rises a rugged gnarled walnut tree, bent and distorted in its struggles of two centuries against the elements—a memorial and symbol of the courage and fortitude of the ancient Pannaway men, whose long slumbers the noble tree defiantly protects.

Pannaway house must have been a structure of considerable size to have afforded accommodation to Thomson and his new colony; and as it was put up by ordinary English workmen, we may reasonable conjecture, that it followed the general plan and presented the general appearance of the dwelling houses of the time of James I., vast numbers of which still remain in good preservation all over the old country. As soon as his buildings were put in habitable condition, Thomson entered actively into the prosecution of his enterprise at the Piscataqua, and he continued engaged in that business at Pannaway until about the expiration of the stipulated term of co-partnership with the Plymouth Merchants, in Nov. 1627.

Pannaway plantation became at once well known along the New England coast, and was visited within its very first year by many of the most interesting and striking characters connected with our early history. Phinehas Pratt came there as early as May, 1628, and before the great crackling fires of a cold spring, recounted, no doubt, the story of the terrible winter he had passed at Wessaguscus; of his marvellous escape from the murderous savages across a trackless frozen forest for near fifty miles into New Plymouth in quest of succor, and of the valiant achievements of the redoubtable Miles Standish, who, with a small band of soldiers, set out the very next day from the Pilgrim village, and slaying Pecksuot, the savage chief, with his own hand, succeeded in dispersing the Indians and rescuing the trembling, exhausted planters of Wessaguscus from impending annihilation.

A month or two later, came into Pannaway a half-drowned, half-naked man, imploring succor and protection. He proved to be Mr. Thomas Weston, the faithful friend and agent of the Pilgrim fathers

in England before they sailed away for the new world, though at present they entertained toward him sentiments of distrust and unkindliness. His political and religious sentiments did not accord with those of the separatists at New Plymouth. Weston had now been cast away, while cruising along the New Hampshire coast between Boar's Head and Merrimack river; his shallop was wrecked, and himself afterwards assailed and stripped of his clothes by the Indians. The miserable man succeeded at last, however, in making his way along the coast into Pannaway, and there he was clad and restored to health and furnished with means to return to Plymouth.

About this same time, the Pilgrim hero, Miles Standish himself, made his appearance at Pannaway. "Standish," says Hubbard, "had been bred a soldier in the Low countries and never entered the school of Christ or of John the Baptist, or if ever he was there, he had forgot his first lessons. A little chimney is soon fired, so was the Plymouth captain, a man of very small stature yet of a very hot and angry temper."\* The valiant captain, at the conclusion of his stout achievements in the rescue of Wessaguscus, was employed to buy provisions at the eastward "for the refreshing of the Plymouth colony." He must have been at Pannaway about the last of June, as he returned to Plymouth in July, laden with the provisions he was in quest of, and bringing along in his company our Mr. David Thomson from Pannaway.†

The next important visitor at Pannaway was Capt. Christopher Levett, "his majesty's woodward for Somersetshire," as he describes himself. Levett's design was to establish a city at some eligible spot along the New England coast, to be named "York," after the metropolitan city in England, and to found there, in all pomp and circumstance, a full prelatical establishment over all New England. Capt. Levett was an officer in the royal navy, high in favor at court, and of much distinction in the old country. He stayed at Pannaway about a month during the early spring of 1624, awaiting the arrival of his men, to begin his search along the coast for some suitable site for his projected city.

While Levett still remained at Pannaway, Governor Robert Gorges arrived there with a considerable company. Robert Gorges was the son of Sir Ferdinando Gorges and "like his father, of an active enterprising genius, and had newly returned from the Venetian war."‡ He came out with a commission under the Great Seal, appointing him "Lieutenant General and Governor of New England," and designating Capt. Christopher Levett, before mentioned, as one of his Council. It was at Pannaway that the ceremony of

\* Hubbard N. E. p. 84. † Mourt's Relation. ‡ Belknap, Life of Gorges.

installing Levett into his high office was performed by Governor Gorges, assisted by three others of his Council, and in the presence of all the people, no doubt, then at the plantation. We may be sure that this ceremony, to which it was desirable to give as much distinction and publicity as possible, was performed in a most imposing manner on that great and stirring day in the annals of Pannaway.

That the Indians were visitors at Pannaway during the very first year of its foundation, appears from the narrative of Phinehas Pratt, who writes that "at the time of his (Capt. Levett) being at Pascataway a sachem or Sagamor gave two of his men, one to Capt. Levett and another to Mr. Thomson:" but one that was there said, "How can you trust those savages? Call the name of one 'Watt Tyler' and the other Jack Straw, after the names of the two greatest Rebels yt ever were in England."

Neither was the society of women wholly lacking at Pannaway during this period. David Thomson's wife resided with him at his new plantation, and it is reasonable to believe that she came not without female companions. And it was here at Pannaway, that John, the son of David, it is believed, first saw the light—the first-born of New Hampshire.

We have thus sketched, as briefly as possible, some of the principal events in the history of Pannaway for the first year of its existence, from the spring of 1623 to the spring of 1624. It is not within the design of this paper to follow its history any further. It will suffice our present purpose to add, that the plantation founded by David Thomson and his co-adventurers at Little Harbor passed in 1630, by way of lease, into the hands of the company of Laconia. It was then that the doughty soldier of fortune, Capt. Walter Neale, the Governor for that company, and the worthy compeer of Miles Standish himself, took possession of Pannaway as his "chiefe habitacon," and thus preserved the nucleus of the future State of New Hampshire.

The Pannaway plantation, the story of whose birth and infancy we have thus outlined, was, we are convinced, prior in date to any other settlement within the limits of our State, and several years anterior to that of Edward Hilton at Dover Point. The earliest period to which the latter settlement can be referred upon any of the testimony which has come down to us, is the year 1628, or possibly the year 1627. If there had been any settlement at Dover Neck prior to that period, there exists the testimony of no contemporary to the effect that he had visited it or had seen it, or had heard of it from rumor or report. And certainly it is highly improbable that such a settlement could have existed four or five years up the Pis-



cataqua river, without having been known to the Pilgrim historians, such as Bradford and Winslow, nor once spoken of or referred to by any of the numerous visitors at Pannaway.

If Hilton's Point had been settled as early as 1623, would not the planters and servants employed there have found occasions to meet constantly and familiarly with their countrymen at the thriving plantation of Pannaway only six miles distant? Would not the existence of a Hilton's Point colony have been as well and widely known as that of Pannaway itself? And yet no settlement at Hilton's Point until several years subsequent to that of Thomson at Little Harbor, is referred to by any New England writer of that time or in any contemporaneous paper, letter, affidavit, or document of any kind. On the contrary, Christopher Levett, Esq., who, as we have seen, spent a month at Pannaway in the early spring of 1624, so far from having heard of any English settlement up the river, writes thus on his leaving for the Eastward: "About two miles further to the East, I found a great river and a good harbor, called Pascataway, but for the ground I can say nothing, but by the relation of the Sagamore or King of that place, who told me there was much good ground up in the river about seven or eight leagues."\*

Certainly, if Hilton had settled a plantation at Dover Neck in 1623, Levett must during his long visit to David Thomson have heard of such a settlement, and would not have been compelled to rely upon an Indian Sagamore for a description of the Piscataqua river; nor is it likely that he would have passed over without notice so important a circumstance as the foundation there of a new English colony. It is fair to conclude, in the absence of direct testimony on the subject, that up to the time of Levett's visit to Pannaway in 1624, the Piscataqua above its mouth still remained a solitude unbroken by white settlers.

The patent of Hilton's Point was granted to Edward Hilton, March 12, 1629 (1630, according to our present style of reckoning), about *seven years* after the settlement of Thomson at Pannaway. Can it be believed that Hilton founded a plantation at Hilton's Point, in 1623, *seven years* before he got a deed of the land his plantation stood upon? No great expense would certainly have been incurred by him until he had first acquired title to the soil. Nor did Edward Hilton himself ever to our knowledge make any pretence to having begun a plantation on the Piscataqua at so early a date. The patent granted to him in 1630 recites, as usual with such instruments, the utmost that he claimed to have done at Hilton's Point before that year. The language is this, "that Edward Hilton and

\*2 Maine Hist. Col., p. 80.

his associates hath already at his own and their proper costs and charges transported sundry servants to plant in New England aforesaid at a place there called by the natives Wecanacohunt, otherwise Hilton's Point, lying some two leagues from the mouth of the river Pascataquack in New England aforesaid, where they have already built some houses and planted corn, and for that he does further intend by God's Divine Assistance to transport thither more people and cattle, &c."\*

It will be seen that Hilton made no claim to having settled a plantation at Hilton's Point so early as 1628, as he naturally would have done had such been the fact. Nor is there any pretence in the patent that he had *set up fishing stages there*, as Belknap and others, following Hubbard, have asserted. The language of the Grant imports simply that the plantation at Hilton's Point was to be carried on for trade and agriculture, and that feeble beginnings in that direction had been very lately made, to be followed by a more strenuous exertion and a larger outlay upon the acquisition of title to the plantation. Edward Hilton lived on the Piscataqua for many years after founding his plantation, and was a gentleman of energy and probity. His territory was sold by him shortly after he obtained his patent, to Capt. Thomas Wiggin and his associates of Shrewsbury, England. This patent became for many after years the source of much conflict and litigation. Yet never did Hilton, nor those claiming title under him, undertake to strengthen that title by averring a seven years' possession and actual occupation before his patent was issued.

Positive testimony as to the date of the Hilton's Point settlement may, however, be found in a careful declaration made in 1654 to the Mass. General Court, by John Allen, Nicholas Shapleigh and Thomas Lake, wherein the Hilton's Point Patent is relied upon by the declarants as a protection against certain alleged encroachments made by the Mass. authorities. These three declarants, familiar with the whole history of Hilton's Point and interested to make out Hilton's title and possession as ancient as they could, present the following as the first article of their case. "1, that Mr. Edward Hilton was possessed of this land about the year 1628, which is about 26 years ago."† Edward Hilton was then living in the immediate vicinity of Great Bay, well and intimately known to all the declarants; and the date of his first possession of Hilton's Point must have been within the familiar knowledge of them all.

The notion among our historians and antiquaries that the Dover settlement was contemporaneous with that of Pannaway in the

\* See Hilton's Point Patent at large, Appendix No. 1. † 1 N. H. Prov. Pap. 187.

spring of 1623, is founded wholly and solely, so far as we can discover, upon a certain careless statement contained in Hubbard's Hist. of New England, written more than a half a century after the settlement of New Hampshire—a loose statement, made upon hearsay, in a paragraph (as printed) conspicuous in all respects for inaccuracy. And worse than all, the little of truth the paragraph of Rev. William Hubbard of Ipswich did contain, has been most grossly distorted and misunderstood. Hubbard's language is this: "Some merchants and other gentlemen in the west of England . . . sent over that year (1623) one Mr. David Thomson with Mr. Edward Hilton and his brother Mr. William Hilton, who had been fishmongers in London, with some others that came along with them, furnished with necessaries for carrying on a plantation there (about Piscataqua river.) Possibly others might be sent after them in the years following 1624 and 1625; some of whom first, in probability, seized on a place called the Little Harbor on the west side of the Piscataqua river, toward or at the mouth thereof; the Hiltons, in the meanwhile, setting up their stages higher up the river towards the northwest at or about a place since called Dover. But at that place called Little Harbor it is supposed was the first house set up that was built in those parts." \*

An examination of this statement by Hubbard will satisfy the student that it amounts to this: First, that the *first* house or settlement on the Piscataqua was made at Little Harbor. Second, that the Hiltons set up their stages up the river somewhere *in the meanwhile* between 1623 and the years following 1624 and 1625; and Hubbard has not said nor meant to say that Hilton's settlement was made in 1623. Third, that the Hiltons set up their stages at or about a place since called Dover. Hubbard has not stated nor meant to state that these stages were set up *at* Hilton's Point precisely, but only at some place *about* that Point.

A little consideration will convince us that Hubbard could hardly have intended to say that the Hiltons did ever set up *stages* at *Hilton's Point*; and certainly Hilton himself in the preamble to his grant of 1630 never made any pretence, as we have seen, to having set up any fishing stages there. The *stages* referred to, were large and expensive structures, intended for use in the *fishing business*. Hilton's Point is situated some six or seven miles above the mouth of Piscataqua river—a tidal stream of such rapidity that it is often impossible for a boat to overcome its current, while on the other hand the great codfisheries lie several miles out to sea beyond the river's mouth. A fisherman leaving Hilton's Point at the very turn

\* Hubbard's Hist., pp. 214, 215.

of the ebb tide, might, perhaps, under favorable circumstances, reach the fishing banks in the course of four hours; if he intended to return by the next flood tide, he would be compelled to turn back without casting a hook. If he stayed two or three hours to fish, he would not be able to get home the same day. Can it be believed that experienced fishermen would have selected such a site as Hilton's Point for a fishing establishment, when as good land or better could have been taken up anywhere at the river's mouth or along the coast?

Where, indeed, it really was that these fishing stages were set up, (if at all,) Hubbard has not definitely informed us, nor can we now discover; but it hardly seems probable that a site was selected above the river *narrows*. Taking the whole case together, we may perhaps conclude from Hubbard's statements, if we chose to place any reliance whatever upon them, *as they stand printed*, that the Hiltons sometime between 1623 and 1626 founded a fishing establishment somewhere up the river between Dover and the river's mouth. This may be the truth, without conflicting in the least with the testimony we have adduced, that the trading and agricultural establishment on Hilton's Point itself was founded by Edward Hilton in the year 1627 or 1628.

We perceive, therefore, that Hubbard is no authority whatever in support of the alleged settlement of Hilton's Point in 1623, and as no other evidence has been adduced to prove such a settlement contemporaneously with that at Pannaway, we may justly consider the question at rest, and accord the priority in the first planting of New Hampshire by several years to David Thomson and his men at Pannaway. Indeed a close scrutiny of Hubbard's statement by the light of other facts will convert his misunderstood narrative into an authority for our conclusion. He tells us that the settlement "at or about a place since called Dover" was made by the *two* Hiltons, Edward and William. If that were so, it could not have been made in the year 1623, because William is found residing at Plymouth with his family as late as 1624, and indeed is not mentioned as living on the Piscataqua until several years later.

We venture to add, though unnecessary to our argument, that the time and manner of *Edward* Hilton's arrival in the Piscataqua is also very uncertain. Hubbard writes that both Edward and William came over in company with Thomson in 1623. That the careless historian made a gross error as to *William* we have just pointed out, and it is probable he fell into a similar mistake as to Edward. At all events, the Indenture between Thomson and his partners gives no countenance to Hubbard's loose expressions; and not a particle of

contemporaneous testimony has been added tending to show Edward Hilton's residence at the Piscataqua before the year 1628, when he first appears as assessed £1 towards the expense of Morton's banishment.

A strong concurrent body of testimony would, indeed, be necessary to satisfy a rational mind, that Edward and William Hilton, or Edward alone settled at Dover Neck as early as 1623. At that period not a white man dwelt within all the borders of New Hampshire, tribes of bloodthirsty "nefandous" savages roamed through the pine forests and gathered around the falls of the rivers. Hilton's Point, from its close proximity to the Cocheco, where large bands of Indians made their homes, was particularly exposed to savage assault. Is it credible that Hilton, without any colony to assist him, (for, as we have seen, no colony came over to Dover Neck until 1628 or 1629,) should have, as early as 1623, removed from the succor of all his friends, six or seven miles from Pannaway, and taken up an almost, if not altogether, solitary residence in the midst of treacherous and cruel savages; when the whole country practically lay open to him to go in and occupy where he would? A wise and prosperous merchant, as Edward Hilton was, a prudent and judicious gentleman, as he ever afterwards proved himself to be, would never, as we believe, have undertaken an enterprise as unnecessary and profitless, as it would have been rash and foolhardy.

It was some years, we conclude, after the settlement of Pannaway, whether we consider the testimony or weigh the intrinsic probabilities, before the plantation at Hilton's Point could have been begun; and it is much to be regretted, that the antiquaries and historians of our State should have permitted the Legislature to fall into the error of incorporating a body of men to erect a monument at Dover Neck, "in commemoration of the settlement of the Point in 1623."

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### THE PISCATAQUA PATENTS.

In the preceding monograph we have sought to dispel the obscurity which has so long enveloped the very cradle of New Hampshire history. We have endeavored to establish that the first English settlement within the limits of that State was made by David Thomson and his company in 1623, at Pannaway, Little Harbor, about five years earlier than Edward Hilton began his plantation at Hilton's Point, now called Dover Neck.

Advancing from this starting point only a few steps further into

the early history of New Hampshire, the student is again shut in by a dense fog, through which for a long time he is compelled to grope his uncertain way. Before the year 1632 is passed, he finds himself in the midst of a number of patents on the Piscataqua, none of which can he clearly make out and define. He perceives long and bitter contests between these rival patents, the true ground of which he cannot understand. He discovers that at last all these contending patentees and planters are in some way swept into the jurisdiction of Massachusetts Bay, but the dexterous legerdemain by which the annexation was effected, entirely escapes his detection. In vain does he seek for light in the pages of the Pilgrim or the Puritan historians. The whole confraternity, indeed, avowedly look upon the Piscataqua plantations with utter contempt, and waste little or no time upon the annals of those "sons of Belial," who haunted about the lower part of the river.

Moreover, it happens, as we shall see in the sequel, that it became the policy of the Bay Colony, in prosecuting their designs over the Piscataqua, to say or write as little as possible on the subject, so that in case they should ever be called to account for their conduct in the matter, they could not, in any event, be condemned out of their own mouths.

The true story of the Piscataqua Patents has thus never been told; and, indeed, until the recent discovery of important documents in the English Archives, bearing on the subject, that portion of our early history was incapable of any clear relation.

Let us attempt to dissipate some of the mists, which have so long hung over Piscataqua River. Let us enquire what these patents really were, what was their real meaning, what must be their true construction, what conflicting interests arose under them; let us sketch the outlines of their history down to their extinction, and discover, if possible, in what way these patents were at last merged into the Bay Colony. Such an enquiry, in the present state of our knowledge, must needs be delicate and difficult; nor, in so novel an undertaking, is it likely to attain absolute success. Our hopes will be fully gratified, if these few pages shall succeed in letting in some measure of light upon this obscure and confused portion of our early history.

The instrument which has been the chief cause of the confusion and obscurity referred to, was the Patent, mentioned in the preceding monograph, granted in 1629-30 by the Grand Council for New England to Edward Hilton and his associates—a petty conveyance of a small tract of land around Dover Neck, but which in the course of events having been elevated into some political importance, played

a leading part, as we shall see, in the early annals of New Hampshire.

It was during the years 1628 and 1629, that Mr. Edward Hilton, a member of the ancient and honorable Guild of Fishmongers of London, with the aid of a number of Bristol merchants, put up a few cabins at the Point which took his name, and laid the feeble foundations of a trading and lumbering plantation. This occupation was, it seems, unwarranted by any previous grant of title from the Grand Council; though probably some agreement or understanding had been arrived at, for the execution of a good and sufficient deed of conveyance, as soon as the plantation should be fairly under way. It was not uncommon for the Grand Council to require from petitioners for land in New England, some evidence of efforts already made and expenditures actually incurred towards the improvement of the desired territory, before the patent was actually executed and delivered. As the quit rents on these conveyances were merely nominal, the Council could hardly have hit upon a better way of testing the sincerity and ability of those who solicited from them gratuitous grants for the alleged design of founding plantations in the New World.

Edward Hilton and his associates having in 1628 and 1629 "transported sundry servants to plant upon Hilton's Point, now Dover Neck, built some houses, planted corn, etc.," and having thus satisfactorily shown their intention and ability to carry forward the plantation already begun, at length received from the Grand Council a conveyance or Patent for the territory they had taken up. This Patent was executed *March 12, 1630* (old style), or according to our present supputation of time, *March 23, 1630*.\*

The territory conveyed to Hilton and his associates by this Patent is bounded and described in the instrument, as follows: "*All that part of the river Piscataquak, called or known by the name of Wecanacohunt or Hilton's Point, with the south side of the said river, up to the fall of the river and three miles into the maine land by all the breadth aforesaid.*"

We invite particular study into the true intent and meaning of this brief description, because of the falsification of its terms and the strange distortion of its meaning, which we believe was subsequently put upon the patent by the authorities of Massachusetts Bay; whereby the patent was split into two distinct parts, and a large tract of territory on the southerly or Rockingham County side of the river was, by construction, brought within its limits. To the consideration of this subject in greater detail, we shall return in the sequel, after several other necessary preliminaries have been brought to the student's knowledge.

\*See the Patent in the Appendix No. 1.

It seems clear to us, that the terms of the Patent are intended to bound and limit, not *two* entirely separate and disjointed bodies of land, (as Massachusetts afterwards contended,) but only the one contiguous compact territory, on which Hilton and his associates *had already begun* their plantation. Such, indeed, is the express declaration of the preamble to the grant. Beginning at Hilton's Point, (now called Dover Neck—a well-defined projection into Piscataqua river.) the boundary line, as we construe the Patent, ran up along the southerly side of that river to the lower or Quampegan Falls—a distance of some seven or eight miles—and reached back into the interior country three miles along the entire river frontage; thus embracing a considerable portion of the present towns of Dover, Rollinsford, and Durham, and including the falls of the Cocheco and Oyster rivers.\*

Soon after obtaining his Patent, Mr. Edward Hilton returned to the Piscataqua with reinforcements and supplies, and settled down at the Point, which already bore his name. Formal possession or *livery of seizin* was given to him July 7, 1631, by Thomas Lewis.

Hilton's Point, now called Dover Neck, upon which Hilton and his men pitched their settlement, is, in the language of Dr. Belknap, "a high neck of land between the main branch of Piscataqua and Back River, about two miles long and half a mile wide, rising along a fine road and declining on each side like a ship's deck. It commands an extensive and variegated prospect of the rivers, bays, adjacent shores, and distant mountains. It has often been admired by travellers as an elegant situation for a city, and by military gentlemen for a fortress."†

But, on the other hand, the new-come planters soon felt the sore need of meadow land and pasturage, not to be found on the sandy Point itself, nor in its convenient vicinity within their own grant. Across the wide waters to the south, however, reposed unoccupied a country of virgin beauty, heavily timbered with primeval forests, and fringed all round its watered sides with emerald fields, and meadows both salt and fresh. It was very natural that the Hilton Point planters should fall into the easy way of ferrying their flocks and herds across the river to graze upon these vacant fields. Before long they came to mowing grass and felling timber and planting the fields; and then one after another put up dwellings and barns and entered into full adverse possession of the territory, now embraced in Newington and Greenland. Legal title to these forests and meadows, we believe, they had none. In after years, it is true, these trespassers undertook to rest their title upon some ancient Indian grant, but, as is well known, Indian deeds to New England lands were not in law held to be any better "than the scratch of a bear's claw." They occupied these

\* See the Sketch Map, *infra*, whereon the territory within these bounds is colored in red.

† 3 Belknap, N. H. 149.



lands, in the beginning, as *vacuum domicilium*, in the absence of any effective opposition from the true owners.

Let us then enquire, *who were the real proprietors* of these Rockingham County lands at the time the Hilton Point planters trespassed upon them.

As a preface to this enquiry, we need to state, that in Nov., 1629, about four months prior to the execution of the Hilton Patent, a large tract of territory, situated in the present State of New York around Lake Champlain, had been granted by the Grand Council to Sir Ferdinando Gorges, Capt. John Mason and seven other associates.\* This province was named *Laconia*, by reason "of the great Lakes therein."

The design of the Laconia adventurers was to seize upon and engross to their own profit the rich peltry traffic of that vast region, then in the hands of the French and the Dutch. It was believed, in the absence of accurate knowledge of the interior country, that Lake Champlain (then called the *Iroquois*) could be reached from the New England coast by a journey of about 90 miles, and that only a narrow *portage* separated it from the head waters of Piscataqua river. Under this delusion, the Laconians hired the buildings which had been put up *seven years before* by David Thomson at the smaller mouth of the Piscataqua, and established there, under command of Capt. Walter Neale, a factory or entrepot, as a basis for their magnificent design upon the New York lakes. The company of Laconia were in the actual possession of Pannaway at Little Harbor when Hilton and his company sailed up the river to establish their plantation at Hilton's Point eight miles above. And before Hilton's title was perfected by *livery of seizin* Strawberry Bank had begun to be settled; no less than sixty men were employed in the company's business on the Piscataqua,† and a plantation had been established at Newichwannock, not far from Quampegan Falls, and on the opposite side of the river from Hilton's grant. It seems to us obvious from these considerations, that the character and extent of the Hilton patent must have been familiarly known and understood by the Company of Laconia and the considerable body of men in its employment.

The Laconia adventurers expended a great deal of time and money in quest of an easy way from the Piscataqua to their coveted *El Dorado* of beaver and otter skins, but all their efforts miserably failed, and after a struggle of some two years, their design was finally abandoned.‡

\* See the Patent of Laconia, Jenness' Isles of Shoals, 2nd Ed., p. 180.

† Adams' Annals of Portsmouth, 18.

‡ We will add here, as a piece of curious information, that although the original design of the Laconians to reach Lake Champlain by ascending the Piscataqua was so soon abandoned, yet their patent of the province of Laconia was never, it seems, surrendered nor forfeited, but was considered as vesting in them a valid subsisting title down almost to the period of our Revolution. Jonathan Carver, who visited Lake Champlain in 1787, writes in the well known account of his travels, as follows:

But during these two years' occupation of Piscataqua river, the Laconian associates had acquired an accurate knowledge of that region and its many advantages for traffic and commerce; and now, upon the failure of their original designs upon Laconia, the same body of associates, nine in number, resolved to turn their future efforts towards the development of the Piscataqua itself in the way of the fisheries and the lumber trade and of such moderate peltry traffic as could be prosecuted in that vicinity.

As the Laconia Patent conveyed to the adventurers no portion of Piscataqua river, nor indeed any territory whatever within the present State of New Hampshire, it was their first care to procure a grant of the desired region, or at least so much of it as had not been previously conveyed to Edward Hilton and his associates.

Accordingly, the same nine men, who constituted the Company of Laconia, procured from the Grand Council a conveyance, dated Nov. 3, 1631, (some twenty months later than the Hilton Patent,) of a considerable tract on both sides of the Piscataqua river. This important Patent, entitled "the Grant and Confirmation of Pescataway," hitherto unknown to our historians, except from a brief and grossly inaccurate abstract in Hubbard's printed history, was discovered by the writer a few years ago among the English Archives, and will be found in the Appendix.\*

There is not the slightest difficulty in running out the boundaries of this "Grant of Pescataway," as will be apparent from an inspection of our Sketch map of the Piscataqua country, on which the two river patents are laid down. The river called Pascassocke in the description is the same, no doubt, now named Lamprey River, which empties into the head of Great Bay at New Market. By the terms of the Patent, the boundary line, it will be seen, ran through the middle of the Bay, called Pascaquack (now Great Bay) *in a westward and southwestward direction to the bottom or lower falls of the river Pascassocke.* The Lamprey is the only river which answers to this description. Indeed, the original Indian name of the river was Piscassett;† and that name has been retained by its principal branch, in the form of Piscassic, even to the present day.

"A vast tract of land between the two last mentioned lakes (Lakes Champlain and Ontario) was granted in the year 1629 by the Plymouth company . . . to Sir Ferdinando Gorges and Capt. John Mason."

"This immense space was granted by the name of the Province of Laconia to the aforesaid gentlemen on specified conditions and under certain penalties; but none of these amounted in case of omission in the fulfilment of any part of them to forfeiture, a fine only could be exacted."

"On account of the continual wars to which these parts have been subject from their situation between the settlements of the French and the Indians, this grant has been suffered to lie dormant by the real proprietors. Notwithstanding which, several towns have been settled, since the late war, on the borders of Lake Champlain and grants made to different people by the Governor of New York of part of these territories which are now become annexed to that province." (Carver's Travels, p. 173.)

\* Appendix No. 2. † Farmer and Moore's Col. p. 50.





The boundaries of the territory covered by the "Grant of Piscataway" began at or near Rye Ledge, not far from the present southerly line of Rye, and sweeping around the coast into the mouth of Piscataqua river, continued up the river to Fox Point, thence to Great Bay and through the middle of Great Bay to Lamprey River lower falls, and across the country about nine miles to the point of beginning; together with the Isles of Shoals and a strip of land three miles wide along the northerly side of the river.

So much of the Piscataway grant as lay on the southerly side of the river and around Great Bay is now embraced in the towns of Portsmouth, Newington, Greenland, New Castle, and Rye.

It will be seen, on a comparison of Hilton's Patent with the "Grant of Piscataway," that there is not the slightest conflict between them, as we have laid down the two conveyances. The Piscataway Grant expressly mentions and locates the Hilton Plantation and carefully excludes it from the conveyance. The two patents are thus entirely consistent with each other and stand well together. Both of them were executed by the same grantor, the Grand Council, some of whose most active and efficient members were then maintaining a considerable establishment on the Piscataqua, and were entirely familiar with its topography, as the minute accuracy of the description in their patent clearly attests. Neither ignorance nor mistake can be reasonably imputed to the Grand Council, nor to either set of grantees in the two river patents.

We may be morally certain that these patents did not conflict at all with each other, and that the Hilton Patent was not understood between the parties to it to cover any portion of the "Piscataway Grant." Nor do we believe that any such pretence would ever have been set up, but for the appearance upon the scene of a new Power—the government of Massachusetts Bay.

The Great Charter of Massachusetts Bay had been granted by King Charles I, March 4, 1628-9—antedating thus both of the Piscataqua patents, as well as Capt. Mason's Patent of the Province of New Hampshire which had been issued Nov. 7, 1629. In the summer of 1630, Gov. John Winthrop with a considerable company of colonists, brought the Charter over to New England. It was, indeed, a grand resounding Charter, but the extent of territory embraced within it was almost ludicrously disproportionate to this large document. Its sea-coast hardly stretched to forty miles; and more than the half of even that scanty line—to wit: from near Salem to the Merrimack—seems to have been the property of Capt. John Mason.\* Very naturally, therefore, did the Founders of the Bay Colony begin at once

\*Jenness' Orig. Docs., p. 76. Title of Robert Mason.

on their arrival to feel about for more land, and to scan attentively the language of their Charter. On the south they found themselves hemmed in by their friends, the Plymouth colony; the west was a wilderness difficult of access. It was thus to the north that their hearts most earnestly yearned. The same year of Winthrop's arrival, the Mass. colony, it is said, violently seized upon Mason's patent of Cape Anne, "stretching their bounds three miles to the Northwards of Merrimack River, and turned the servants and tennants of the said John Mason out of their possessions."\*

They next cast their eyes over the Piscataqua region, which they particularly coveted. "Because ye river of Pascataqua is very beneficall for plantacon," writes George Burdett in 1688, "having also an excellent harbour, wch may much pfit or anoy them in case of warre, therefore they (the Massachusetts) endeavour with all their skill & might to obtain the command thereof."†

A plausible pretext for the annexation of the desired region was found in the somewhat ambiguous language of their charter. By its terms they were granted "all the lands which be within the space of three English miles to the northward of the river, called Merrymack, or to the northward of any and every part thereof." The Massachusetts at once contended with great ingenuity, that under these terms their northern boundary reached a parallel of latitude drawn three miles above the most northerly point on the Merrimack river—a construction which would include Captain Mason's Patent of New Hampshire, and all of Maine below Clapboard island in Casco Bay.

It is here to be repeated that the Charter of Mass. Bay passed the seals March 4, 1628-9; thus antedating Mason's Patent of New Hampshire as well as *both* the Piscataqua river grants. If the Massachusetts construction of their Charter should prevail, then all of the patents on the river would be swept away; the whole of that region would fall by prior title into their hands and jurisdiction; and neither Mason, nor Hilton and his associates, nor the grantees of "Pescataway" could have offered any effectual opposition.

This ingenious interpretation of the Charter having been hit upon, there appeared as early as 1631 upon the banks of the Piscataqua, one *Capt. Thomas Wiggín*, a stern Puritan and a confidential friend of Governor John Winthrop of Mass. Bay. We find Wiggín writing from that place to Gov. Winthrop in Oct., 1631, persuading the latter to take revenge on a party of Indians for a murder committed on Walter Bagnall, called *Great Wat*, at Richman's isle. There is an implication in this request, that jurisdiction over the offence was in Mass. Bay, although Richman's island lies almost as far north as

\*Jenness's Orig. Docs. p. 75. Title of Robert Mason. †Id. p. 31.

Portland harbor. The governor, however, says Winthrop, "thought best to sit still awhile."\*

At this time (Oct., 1631) no special grant of the lands around Great Bay had been issued; the "grant and confirmation of Piscataway" being dated in Nov., 1631, in usual course would not reach New England until the early spring of 1632. In 1632, however, upon the arrival of the new Patent of "Piscataway," a collision occurred between Capt. Wiggin and Capt. Walter Neale, the latter acting in behalf of the Piscataway grantees. Hubbard informs us, that Wiggin, being forbidden by Neale "to come upon a certain point of land, that lieth in the midway betwixt Dover and Exeter, Captain Wiggin intended to have defended his right by the sword, but it seems both the litigants had so much wit in their danger as to wave the battle, each accounting himself to have done very manfully in what was threatened; so as in respect not of what he did, but what might have fallen out, the place to this day retains the formidable name of Bloody Point."†

Hubbard does not inform us what and whose title it was, which Wiggin intended to defend, but as at that time he had no interest whatever in the Hilton Patent, even though that Patent could be construed to cover Bloody Point, it seems clear that he could only have set up as against Neale that title, which, as we have seen, he had already asserted, and which he spent his whole after life in maintaining—the title of Mass. Bay under their great Charter of 1628.

As the construction the Bay Colony put upon their charter would, if enforced, have swept away the entire property of all the Piscataqua planters, it must have encountered a hot and determined opposition from the whole river. The Massachusetts perceived that the Piscataqua planters were bitterly hostile to them in political and religious principles, and would on that account be likely to receive efficient aid from the old country, in case of an open conflict. Again, they must have known that the real intention of the King was only to grant them as their northern boundary a strip of land three miles wide *following the course* of the Merrimack river. The strip of selva<sup>ge</sup> of that breadth, was intended, we suppose, to protect the river from the artillery of any adjoining province—the range of artillery of that day being usually computed at three miles. The Privy Council, as the Massachusetts well knew, were inimical to the Bay Colony, and would seize with avidity upon the slightest transgression of their chartered limits or corporate powers, as a ground for vacating the charter itself.

In these difficulties, the Bay Magistrates deemed it prudent to

\* I Winthrop, 63. † Hubbard's Gen. Hist., p. 217.

break up and confuse, if possible, the solid front of opposition, before making an open attack; and to that end they resolved to get into their own hands the entire Hilton Patent, and thus extinguish the hostility of its present proprietors to their schemes and desires.

Accordingly, after concerting the plan with Gov. Winthrop and his assistants Capt. Wiggin shortly after his quarrel with Capt. Neale went out to England in 1632, and forming a company of "*honest men*," as Winthrop calls them, succeeded, with their aid, in purchasing from Hilton and his Bristol associates the entire Hilton Patent, at the price of £2150. The purchasers were Lord Say, Lord Brook, Sir Richard Saltonstall, Sir Arthur Hazlerigg, Mr. Whiting and other men of Shrewsbury, all of them Puritans and friends to Mass. Bay, who had been "writ unto," we are informed, "by the Governor and Magistrate of Massachusetts, who encouraged them to purchase the said lands of the Bristol men, in respect they feared some ill neighborhood from them."\*

Capt. Wiggin, appointed manager for the new company, returned to New England with reinforcements and supplies, and a "godly minister," arriving at Salem Oct. 10, 1633.

As soon as he had entered into possession of the newly purchased territory, he took immediate steps, in accordance with the original understanding, to submit that territory to the jurisdiction of Massachusetts. Early in the following month he wrote to Gov. Winthrop, "that one of his people had stabbed another and desired he might be tried in the Bay, if the party died. The Governor answered, that if Pascataquack lay within their limits (as it was supposed) they would try him."†

Before the next winter was passed, Capt. Wiggin again wrote to the Governor of Massachusetts, offering jurisdiction over crimes committed at the river, to the Bay Colony. "The Governor," says Winthrop "and divers of his assistants met and conferred about it, but did not think fit to try them here."‡

The fact is, the scheme to purchase the Hilton Patent and then turn it over to Mass. Bay, had for the present utterly failed. Wiggin found it impossible to deliver his territory according to the bargain and understanding.

Intense hostility against their design sprang up at once among the original Hilton Point planters, who were in occupation of the ground. Edward Hilton was himself a royalist and a churchman, and the planters brought over by him during the period the patent was in his hands, were naturally of the same feather. These men had now taken up and improved the lands on Bloody Point and around the

\*N. H. Prov. Pap. 157. †1 Winthrop, 116. ‡Id. 155.



easterly side of Great Bay in considerable numbers, though without any legal title to them whatever. But, as none of the patents of the Piscataqua country, not even that of Capt. Mason of the Province of New Hampshire, conferred any rights of government and jurisdiction, but were all of them simply indentures or deeds of territory, it is obvious that there were no courts or tribunals on the land, before which these *squatter rights* could be called in question; and of course the trifling value of these little properties would deter any resort to the King in Council. The squatters upon the Piscataqua thus found their possessory titles practically unquestionable, so long as they kept aloof from Massachusetts. But on the contrary, if Massachusetts were permitted to stretch her boundaries over the river, in her train would come organized courts of Law, before which land titles could be brought up for trial. This view must have been appalling to most of the planters. These squatter planters could produce in Court no instruments of title to their lands; nor had their possession been long enough continued to raise a prescriptive title. What reasonable hope of protection then could they place in a Massachusetts Court on the trial of a real action brought by the favored proprietors of the Hilton Patent? In this emergency the planters, threatened by a common calamity, gathered together for resistance to Capt. Wiggin's designs, and with such vigor did they carry on the contest, that those designs were for a time baffled; and by a sort of petty revolution Wiggin was deposed from his office as Governor, to which he had been appointed by the proprietors of the Patent, and the people set up an independent government among themselves, under the name of a *Combination*. In that year, 1687, George Burdet, a staunch churchman, succeeded Wiggin as Governor. In 1688, that inconsistent, unstable character, Capt. John Underhill, having been disfranchised, brought under admonition and banished from Massachusetts, came to Dover and was chosen Governor over the Combination, upon the understanding, no doubt, that his principles were hostile to the Bay. After Capt. Underhill had held his office about three years, however, his principles or interests in that matter underwent a change. Although a new Combination was drawn up, dated Oct., 1640, and was signed by Underhill himself, the people soon discovered that he was plotting, after all, to bring the Piscataqua under the Mass. jurisdiction,\* and following the lead of Thomas Larkham, a conformist clergyman, they raised another rebellion in the interest of their independence. The quarrel, embittered by religious dissensions, waxed hot and came to open violence. Hanserd Knollys, who was the minister of the Underhill faction, fulminated a bull

\*1 Winthrop, 27.

of excommunication against Larkham; and in return Larkham knocked off Knowles' hat. Captain Underhill and Knowles flew to arms, expecting help from the Bay, and "so marched out to meet Mr. Larkham, one carrying a Bible on a halberd for an ensign—Mr. Knowles being armed with a pistol. When Mr. Larkham saw them thus provided, he withdrew his party and went no further, but sent down to Mr. Williams, Governor of Strawberry Bank, for assistance, who came up with a company of armed men, and beset Mr. Knowles' house, where Capt. Underhill was, kept a guard upon him night and day till they could call a court, and then, Mr. Williams sitting as judge, they found Underhill and his company guilty of a riot and set great fines on them and ordered him and some others out of the Plantation."\*

During the long continuance of these broils and dissensions, Massachusetts still hesitated to seize violently upon the Piscataqua. They feared the opposition of the planters under the river patents, to which we have already referred. They dreaded the bitter hostility of the numerous persons who had been banished from the Bay on account of their Antinomian principles, and taken refuge on the Piscataqua; they feared, perhaps, the vengeance of Sir Ferdinando Gorges and his grantees, whose territories in Maine would also be absorbed by the Mass. construction of their charter. But the Bay magistrates never permitted their claim over the Piscataqua to fall into oblivion. In 1636, for instance, Gov. Winthrop wrote to Dover, that if the latter dared to receive any persons that had been "cast out" from the Bay, it would be taken ill, and threatening them, that if such exiles were received, "they should survey their utmost limits and make use of them.†

But now at last, in 1640, amidst the turmoils and bitter quarrels among the inhabitants, Massachusetts saw her long awaited opportunity to spread her jurisdiction over the Piscataqua. The Company of Laconia had long since broken up; the grantees of Piscataway had nearly all of them withdrawn from further interest in the country; Capt. John Mason, the patentee of New Hampshire, had died in 1635, leaving that Province to an infant grandson; and all fear of the royal interference was dispelled amid the fast growing dissensions in the old country. Again the planters on the upper Piscataqua were, as we have seen, torn and paralyzed by civil and religious dissensions; and those on the lower plantation, who since Mason's death had laid claim to the ownership of the lands on which they resided, though without any legal title, and now lived in terror of Mason's heir, even *they*, though antipodal in every sentiment to the Bay

\*Hubbard, 363. †1 Winthrop, 276.

Puritans, were inclined to seek protection for their property from the strong arm of the Massachusetts.

In this propitious juncture of affairs, Massachusetts sent forward to the Piscataqua the famous Hugh Peters, with two others, "to understand the minds of the people, to reconcile some differences between them and to prepare them." \* Peters spent a considerable time on the river, and upon his return in the spring of 1641, reported to Gov. Winthrop, that the Piscataqua people were, in his own words, "ripe for our Government, as will appear by the note I have sent you. They grone for Government and Gospel all over that side of the Country. Alas! poore bleeding soules." †

The precise methods used in *preparing* the people for the Puritan annexation have never been fully disclosed. Edward Hilton's assent was purchased by a covenant from the Massachusetts, that his estate should be ever after exempt from county rates. ‡ Gov. Francis Williams of the lower plantation was secured for the measure, writes Peters, but the manner is not revealed. The chief inducement, however, held out to the population at large, seems to have been the promise of the Bay Colony, that they should "enjoy all such lawfull liberties of fishing, planting felling timber as formerly they have enjoyed in the said ryver." §

The general propositions having been settled upon, a committee was appointed on the part of the Piscataqua planters to come to an agreement with the agents of the Massachusetts upon all the various terms of the annexation. Such agreement was soon arrived at, and thus at last the entire Piscataqua region passed in 1641, under the jurisdiction of Mass. Bay.

The formalities adopted in perfecting the transaction were, first to procure from the then proprietors an absolute conveyance to the Massachusetts Colony of the jurisdiction over the Hilton Patent. This conveyance was made June 14, 1641, and executed by George Willis, gent. and others in behalf of the rest of the patentees; || and was followed the next October by an Act of the Mass. Gen. Court, accepting and declaring "the ryver Pascataquack" to be within the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts. ¶

It is now, in 1641, that we first hear of the strange distorted construction of the Hilton Patent, which ever afterwards seems to have prevailed.

It will be remembered that the territory, really covered by the Hilton Patent, was, if our views are correct, only that small portion of the Piscataqua, extending from Dover Point to Quampegan Falls and three miles back into the country. But such a narrow construc-

\* 2 Winthrop, 88. † 6 Mass. Hist. Col. (4th ser.) 108. ‡ Mass. Archives, vol. 100, p. 133.  
§ 1 N. H. Prov. Pap. 159. || See the Instrument, Appendix No. 3. ¶ Appendix No. 4.

tion was by no means sufficient for Massachusetts, if the submission of that patent was to be relied upon as a justification for their seizure of the entire river. It became necessary to seek some widely different construction from ours, in order to stretch the patent over the lands on the opposite side of the river down to its mouth. The Massachusetts and the patentees of the Hilton Patent easily found means to make such a construction in a slight ambiguity of its terms, to explain which we must invite a moment's careful attention to the topography of the country.

The Piscataqua river, taking its rise from the Wakefield ponds, descends in a southeasterly course and passes Hilton's Point (now Dover Point) on the lower or easterly side. At this prominent neck it meets a large body of water coming down at ebb tide from the westward, and then the two flow on together to the ocean, about seven miles below. As one ascends this large western body of water from Dover Neck, he reaches, about a mile above it, a prominent Point, now called *Fox Point*, so named, according to tradition, from the circumstance that, in olden times, when the country-side was up for a fox hunt, it was the custom to beat over a considerable extent of the neighboring cover and drive the game out upon this sharp promontory, from whence, as a fox never takes the water, there was no escape. At Fox Point, the river turns sharp about, at an acute angle, and ascending in a southerly direction expands into a lake, now called *Great Bay*, about four miles wide at its upper end. Great Bay is a tidal lake, not at all dependent upon the Piscataqua for its waters. At high tide, when this large basin is filled by the sea, the prospect over its pellucid surface, framed all around with green meadows and waving grain and noble woods, is truly enchanting. But when the tide is out, a vast bed of black ooze is exposed to view, traversed here and there by narrow canals, bearing the scanty waters of the several small streams, which empty into this great lagoon. One of the largest of these streams, coming from the south and emptying into the upper extremity of this lagoon, is now called Exeter river, and some five miles above its mouth are the *Squamscott Falls*.

Now the Hilton Patent, if we recall its terms, conveyed the Point itself, "with the south side of said river (Piscataqua) up to the falls of the river and three miles into the mainland by all the breadth aforesaid."

Why might not the words, "the south side of said river," reasoned the Bay authorities, appropriately designate the line drawn from the mouth of the river up to Fox Point and thence around Little and Great Bays to Squamscott river, and thence up that river (now called Exeter river) to the falls?\*

\*See the Sketch Map.

made to pass as the Piscataqua; and Squamscott falls would answer well enough for the falls referred to in the description. At all events there was no power on the river, as we have before stated, to dispute whatever construction the Massachusetts chose to put upon the instrument. Accordingly, the construction we have mentioned was adopted and enacted into a law by Mass. Gen. Court, in June 1641, and made a part of the very instrument of submission, by which the Hilton Patent was put under their jurisdiction.

The language of the preamble to that convention,\* was as follows: "Whereas some Lords, Knights, gentlemen, and others, did purchase of Mr. Edward Hilton and some merchants of Bristol, two patents, one called Wecohannet or Hilton's point, commonly called or known by the name of Dover or Northam, the other patent, set forth by the name of the south part of the ryver of Pascataquack; beginning at the sea-side or near thereabouts & coming round the said land by the river unto the falls of Squamscott as more fully appears by the said grant, &c." Then follows a concession to the Mass. government, of jurisdiction over all the said territory, "Provided always," continues the instrument, "& it is hereby declared that one of the said patents, that is to say, that on the south side of the ryver of Pascataquack & in the other pattent one third of the land with all improved land in the said pattent to the Lords and gentlemen & other owners shall be & remain unto them, their heirs and assigns forever as their proper right and as having true interest therein, saving the interest of jurisdiction to the Massachusetts." "And this honored Court of the Massachusetts heaby promise to be helpful to the maintenance of the right of the Patentees in both the said Pattents in all the legal courses in any part of their jurisdiction."†

\* See Appendix No. 2. † Appendix No. 3.

The preamble, it will be noted, recites that the Lords, &c., had purchased of Edward Hilton two patents, the one called Hilton's Point or Dover Patent; the other "set forth by the name of the south part of the ryver Pascataquack, &c." Some of our ablest antiquarians have charged the Massachusetts with having designed by this phraseology to raise a false belief in the public mind, that the *Hilton Point* or *Dover Patent* was a separate and distinct instrument from that which conveyed the south side of the river, on which latter, about this time they conferred the name of the *Bloody Point Patent* or more frequently, the *Squamscott Patent*. We think injustice has been done in this matter, from not attending with sufficient care to the meaning of the word *Patent*, as used in those days. That word was employed to designate the *territory granted* as well as the *instrument of conveyance*. Thus *Dover Patent* meant that portion of the lands conveyed by the Hilton Patent lying on the Dover side of the river; so, *Bloody Point* or *Squamscott Patent* designated the territory, construed to be covered by the Hilton Patent, which lay on the Squamscott side of the river. Indeed the land embraced within the present town of Stratham was called *Squamscott Patent*, until the incorporation of the town in 1715. (9 N. H. Prov. Pap. 778.) It was natural and convenient, when a Grand Council grant covered two distinct parcels of territory, that these parcels should take distinct names. The "Grant and Confirmation of Pascataway," for instance, embracing as it did lands on both sides of the river, for convenience was split into two distinct portions in common parlance, and that portion which lay on the southerly side of the river went by the name of the *Great House Patent* or *twenty thousand Acre patent*. There is no design in the preamble, above quoted, to convey a false impression that the titles to the Dover and Squamscott Patents were founded upon two separate and distinct instruments of conveyance; but, on the contrary, the preamble expressly recites that both these tracts were bought from Edward Hilton, who, as was well known, was proprietor, with his associates, of only one Patent, though about this time it took distinct names for the two divisions for convenience of designation.

Now, we enquire, does the Hilton grant purport to begin "at the sea-side or near thereabout," as the Gen. Court has enacted in 1641? Does it specify the "Falls of Quamscott" as the upper limit of the grant? Does it describe the boundary as "coming round the said land by the river," as the Mass. authorities have declared? We find no such language nor any such meaning in the Hilton Patent.

Indeed, it may well be doubted whether at the time the Hilton Patent was granted, the name *Piscataqua* was ever applied by the English or the Indians to the Exeter River, on which the Squamscott falls are situated.\*

\*The Indian name of our noble river was, as nearly as it can be expressed by English letters, *Paskataquauke*—or otherwise *Paskataquagh*—the last syllable being pronounced with a guttural sound and a forcible expulsion of the breath, not capable of representation by our letters, but closely resembling the sounds of the Gaelic or some of the Oriental tongues. This syllable *quauke* or *quagh* is clearly the Indian word *auke* signifying a place or locality—a word found scattered abundantly all over the Abenaki country, in combination with various descriptive prefixes. The prefix *Pa-skata*, as the Indians seem to divide the word, (with a strong accent upon the last syllable), we have recently been led to believe signifies a branch, division, separation.

Some fifteen years ago, as we are informed by Rev. Dr. Alonzo H. Quint of Dover, there happened to be a small party encamped at Dover Point, one of whom was then an Indian undergraduate in college, or recently graduated. Elder Samuel Sherburn, of Barrington, was there at the same time, engaged in the melancholy search for the body of his son, who had been lost off a *gundalow* at Boiling Rock. One day Elder S. asked the educated Indian the meaning of the name "Piscataqua." The Indian at once held up three extended fingers, and said, "You see that? well, three rivers make one," referring, of course, to the fact that the two main branches of the Piscataqua and the Bellamy or Back river, all meet together at Dover Point.

A few days after receiving this information from Dr. Quint, the writer chanced to meet on the steamboat that plies between the Shoals and Portsmouth, two Oldtown Indians on their return to the Penobscot. They were both men of middle age, apparently intelligent, and could converse, though with some difficulty, in English. On my enquiry of them as to the signification of "Piscataqua" (which they pronounced *Pa-skata-quauke*), their answer was prompt and unpremeditated. Holding up their hands and extending two or three fingers, just as had been done by the Indian at Dover Point, they said *Pa-skata* meant a branch or division of the river into two or more parts—the whole word *Paskataquauke* meaning a place where boats and canoes ascending the river together from its mouth were compelled to separate according to their several destinations. Since that interview, the writer has conversed, on the same subject, with another party of Indians encamped for the summer at the Farragut House, Rye Beach. Their translation of the word *Piscataqua* was the same as above given. And that definition is also confirmed by Thoreau, who informs us in his "Maine Woods" on the authority of an Abnaki Indian, that *Piscataquis*, the name of a river in that State which empties into the Penobscot above Bangor, signifies "branch of a river," in the Abnaki dialect.

It will be remembered that some of the permanent settlements of the Indians were at the falls of Squamscott, Piscassoche (Lamprey), and Shanhasick (Oyster river), the way to which lay up the western branch of the Piscataqua waters, and other settlements lay at *Nee-week-wan-auke* (my wigwam place), access to which was up the eastern or main branch of the river. The water course to the Indian habitations at Cochecho falls and along Bellamy or Back river, lay on the north and the north-west sides of the same Hilton's Point. That Point was thus to the Indians the most important and most striking natural object on the river. From the convenience of access to this conspicuous promontory for all the river Indians, it must always, we think, have been the chosen scene for the gathering of all the tribes, for their pow wows and their war-dances, and their green-corn dances and their general assemblies for purposes of war or the chase. And it was also the place where the Indians of the various villages on returning to their homes branched off from each other and paddled their canoes up the pellucid streams to their several wigwams.

Whether the native tribes had any general name for the whole river does not as yet appear. Probably not, if we are to reason by analogy from their usual custom in similar cases. The word *Pascataquauke* designated the branching of the river at Dover Point, and if we may be permitted to go a little way further into these dubious speculations, we infer from the Indian names above Dover Point that the branch of the great river particularly designated by that title was the westerly branch which reaches up to Fox Point and thence through Great Bay to Lamprey river. Our inference is drawn from the Indian names of these latter bodies of water. Great Bay was called by them *Pascaquack*, and Lamprey river bore the name of *Pascassoche*, both of which words are but slight modifications of *Pascataquauke*. The easterly or main branch of the river from Hilton Point to the Cochecho was

The Patent of New Hampshire, for instance, issued to Mason in 1629, applies the name Piscataqua to the main stream, which comes down over Quampegan falls. So also the "Grant of Piscataway" in 1631 uses that term in the same sense.

Looking again carefully at the Mass. legislative construction of the Hilton Patent, we are curious to know what has become of the twenty-five square miles or thereabouts, really granted by that instrument, as we understand it. We find its entire rear boundaries carried away; nothing is left of the territory except what might pass under the two words "Hilton's Point"—at the utmost a few acres of barren ground, quite inadequate to the purposes of a trading and lumbering plantation such as Hilton intended to establish.\*

Another serious consequence of this construction, if carried out, would have been the confiscation of almost the entire peninsula on the south side of the river, granted in 1631 to the nine Laconia adventurers. The plantation at Little Harbor, all the buildings, lands, and improvements at Great Island and Strawberry Bank, the result of large expenditures of money and ten years of labor and hardship, would have passed into the hands of the proprietors of the Hilton Patent, without the slightest compensation.

The Mass. construction of that Patent was, however, never fully carried out, as we shall see in the sequel. The chief purpose of that construction was to furnish the Bay Colony with such a pretext of jurisdiction over the New Hampshire plantations, as, in combination with the ambiguous terms of their own charter, might justify or excuse the advance of their northern limits to the banks of the Piscataqua. A few preliminaries having then been arranged, such as conferences with the inhabitants and the procurement of signatures to petitions for union with the Massachusetts, the latter colony, in Oct. 1641, took all the south Piscataqua plantations into their government, and retained them for nearly forty years, until, in 1679, New Hampshire was reclaimed from the Massachusetts by the King, and erected into a Royal Province.

On finally draughting the Statute of annexation, the question arose for determination, whether the Piscataqua should be taken into the Bay jurisdiction upon the *voluntary submission* of the planters and patentees of the Hilton Patent; or whether jurisdiction over that region should be assumed, as being *within the Massachusetts bounds*\*.

called by them the *Winnakahannet*; above the Cochecho to the Great Falls it was named *Newichwannock*.

It was, we suppose, by the English that the word Piscataqua, applied by the aborigines only to the branching of the stream at Dover Point, was first used to designate the entire river from its source in the Wakefield ponds to its mouth.

\* The Point must be carefully distinguished from the Neck. The former name, as appears from Dover Records, we are informed by Dr. Quint, was always confined between the very end of the promontory and a low huckleberry swamp, a short distance in the rear.

Feeling, we conjecture, that their title to the river under the Hilton patent, just submitted to their jurisdiction, was at least questionable, if not clearly worthless, the sagacious government of the Bay resolved, now that opposition was disarmed, to rest their right to the Piscataqua upon the vigor of their own charter. This position was highly advantageous for the Massachusetts, as it was already meditated to advance their chartered limits across the Piscataqua far north into the Province of Maine, upon the strength of that same construction of their charter. Accordingly, the Act of Annexation, consummated Oct. 9, 1641, making no mention whatever of the Hilton Patent, nor of the surrender of jurisdiction over it by its proprietors, nor of the voluntary submission of the people, though by these means only had the Massachusetts got control of the river, now, in the preamble, rests the Massachusetts title upon the sole and simple declaration, that the annexed territory lay within the original chartered limits of the Bay Colony;† and it is thereupon enacted "that from thenceforth the said people inhabiting there (on the river Pascataquack) are and shall be accepted and reputed under the Government of the Massachusetts as the rest of the inhabitants within the said jurisdiction are."‡

Now that the jurisdiction of the Bay Colony had, in the way we have described, been securely extended over the long coveted Piscataqua, the Massachusetts had little or no further interest in the river patents, and no doubt would gladly have withdrawn from any further intermeddling in the matter. But difficulties and injustices of many sorts soon sprang up all over the annexed territory, which long disturbed the quiet of the new Government. Only a slight outline of these feuds and contentions, however, will the general subject of this paper permit us to present here.

The inhabitants of Bloody Point in particular, who had formerly crossed the river from Dover, as before stated, now found themselves in danger of being stripped of their farms. Under the Mass.

\* 2 Winthrop, 42. † Appendix, No. 4.

‡ By the terms of this statute of annexation of October, 1641, certain privileges were guaranteed to the Piscataqua people, as an inducement, no doubt to their yielding to Mass. jurisdiction. One of these was that "the inhabitants there are allowed to send two deputies from the whole river to the Court at Boston." This article was one of prime importance to the Piscataqua people, and flattered them with the hope that under its provisions they were really to secure a representation in the Gen. Court at Boston. This hope proved quite delusive as to the planters of the lower Piscataqua. The Act of Union undoubtedly granted them a right to send a deputy to General Court, but the laws of Massachusetts, it was found, rejected all deputies except freemen of their colony and members of the Congregational church in good standing. Now, as there was not for some years after the annexation any congregational church gathered "in a church way" at Strawberry Bank or Great Island, there were no suitable deputies to be found on the lower river. (I. N. H. Prov. Pap. 167.) Those benighted people succeeded in finding among them "a godly man" from Massachusetts, named James Parker, and him they deputed to Gen. Court in 1642 and 1643. In 1644, they sent Mr. Stephen Winthrop; but with the exception of these three years, no deputy came from the lower Piscataqua until the year 1653 (Id. 367); by which time the control of that region had fallen entirely and absolutely into the hands of the Puritan friends of Massachusetts.



contract with the owners of the Hilton or Squamscott patent, the latter's title to the whole of these lands was acknowledged and warranted by Act of Gen. Court, and more than this, upon the laying out of the limits of Dover in 1642, it would seem that the whole of Bloody Point was excluded out of Dover township, so that these now isolated planters had neither title to their farms, nor the protection of any organized town government, nor any rights in the town common lands. In these straits they applied earnestly to the General Court for relief, and the latter, whose favor to the proprietors of the Squamscott Patent was fast fading away, granted their prayer, and in 1643, an Act was passed, that "all the marsh and meadow grounds lying against the great bay or Strawberry Bank side shall belong to the town of Dover, together with 400 acres of upland ground adjoining or lying nere to the said meadow."\* This Act was passed without the consent and against the protests of the proprietors of the Hilton Patent.† The following year (1644) the Mass. Gen. Court granted to the township of Dover the entire neck of land, known as Bloody Point, bounded on the southward by a line drawn from Canney's Creek to Hogstie Cove.‡ (See Sketch Map.) This latter grant, like the former, was made, it would seem, in disregard of the rights of the owners of the Hilton Patent, towards whom, now that the jurisdiction of Massachusetts had become firmly fixed over the Piscataqua, the friendship of the latter had sensibly cooled.

So, too, the inhabitants of Strawberry Bank, though by the Act of 1641 all their estates were liable to seizure by the proprietors of the Hilton, or then more generally called Squamscott Patent, manfully struggled against that Patent and defied Capt. Wiggins "to bring his Pattent to this present Court."§ And some of the Dover people, even after the considerable concessions above mentioned had been made to them, maintained a hostile spirit to the Hilton Patent, as it had been construed, declaring in their Petition of 1654, that this "Patent wee conceive, (under favor) will be made voyde if it be well looked into."||

Meantime, in the twenty years and upwards since the Puritan Lords and gentry of Shrewsbury had purchased the Hilton Patent for the convenience of Mass. Bay, its ownership had in various ways passed mostly into the hands of other proprietors, some of whom were by no means friendly to that colony. The property had been originally divided into twenty-five shares of one hundred pounds each, which shares passed from hand to hand by bills of sale, many of which are still to be found on record. At the period to which we have now arrived, from 1650 to 1656, the Hilton Patent had thus come to be

\* 1 N. H. Prov. Pap., p. 172. † Id. 158.

‡ 1 N. H. Prov. Pap. 175.

Id. 207. || Id. 213.

largely owned in various proportions by a considerable number of New England persons, among whom were the Quaker, Nicholas Shapleigh, Edward Colcord, a man subsequently convicted by the Massachusetts "of many notable misdemeanors and crimes,"\* and others perhaps of similar stripe.

On the other hand, the lower plantation on the Piscataqua had, since 1641, undergone a complete transformation, civil and religious. A party of strict Puritans had, by the aid of the Massachusetts, gotten possession of that plantation, and under the system of the Bay Colony were enabled to perpetuate their power at their own pleasure, and to allot among themselves—some eight or ten in number—nearly all the valuable common lands within their limits. If we may trust the language of a petition to the King made in 1665, by some of the non-freemen of Portsmouth, "five or six of the ritcheest men of this parish ruled, swaied and ordered all offices both civil & military at their pleasure." These men, continues the petition, "have kept us under hard servitude, and denyed us in our publike meeting the Common prayer Sacramts and decent burial of the dead," "and not only so, but have also denied us the benefit of freemen \* \* \* and likewise at the election of officers, the aforesaid party \* \* \* have always kept themselves in offices for the managing of the gifts of lands & settling them \* \* \* and have engrossed the greatest part of the lands within the precincts and limits of this plantation into their own hands, and other honest men, that have been here a considerable time have no lands at all given to them."†

In this posture of affairs, it was not to be expected that the shareholders of the Hilton Patent should receive and further special favor from Massachusetts, as against the Piscataqua settlements. For a considerable time, indeed, the General Court declined, though urgently petitioned, even to order a partition of the Patent, but at last, in 1655, the Court partially yielded and appointed a Committee "to make a just division of the (patent) of Squamscott only & that which hath reference to Dover be respited untill another time."‡

The Report of this Committee,§ made the following year, in view, no doubt, of the impolicy if not impossibility of making a partition of all the territory declared to be within the Patent by the Act of 1641, proceeds upon the idea of effecting a compromise among the now numerous and discordant interests.

In the preamble, the Committee first lay down the extent of territory to be divided. They do not pretend to quote the exact language of the Patent, but content themselves with putting their own construction upon it. "When we came to peruse the Pattent," they

\* 1 N. H. Prov. Pap. 238.  
 † 1 N. H. Prov. Pap. 217.

‡ Jenness' Orig. Docs. rel. to N. Hamp. p. 48.  
 § Id. 221.

say, "we found it to extend for the length of it from the lower part of the river Pascataquack on the south side of said river unto the falls of said river at Exeter and for breadth along the said river 3 miles from the falls of the head-line for the breadth of it."

The last clause of this description is, as it stands, utterly unintelligible. The obscurity seems to have been caused by the negligence of the transcriber of the Report. It so happened that in our researches among the original Mass. Records, we came upon *another* report of the Partition Committee made about a week before the Report finally adopted. As this first Report, not having been acted upon, was not printed among the Mass. Records, it has escaped the notice of our antiquaries. The preamble to the first Report,\* which was obviously intended to be copied into the second, supplies the words (here printed in italics) which are necessary to give that second Report a meaning. Its language is this: "when we come to peruse the patent, we found itt to extend for the length of itt from the lower part of the river Pascataquack on the south side of the said river unto the falls of said river at Exeter; and for breadth along the said river *three miles into the land upon which wee measured* three miles from the falls for the Head Lyne for the breadth of itt."†

On comparing the preamble to this final Report (as corrected) with that of the Act of Submission of 1641, we find a material variance between them. By the former, the Hilton patent only reached down to the *lower part* of the river, while by the Act of Submission it is declared to begin "*at the sea-side or thereabouts.*" In their Report, the Committee fix upon *Boiling Rock* as the lower boundary of the patent on the river, and in this easy and arbitrary manner, the entire settlements below Boiling Rock were excluded from the patent.

The committee, in their final Report, also except out of the patent all the extensive lands granted to and incorporated with Dover by the Mass. Gen. Court, together with a hundred and fifty acres added; and they also restrain the limits of the patent along the easterly part of Great Bay to a depth of one and a half miles into the land, instead of the three miles allowed by the Act of 1641; on the ground, they say, that "the land was so narrow to the seaward, that we can allow no more according to the intent of the Patent as we understand it." It seems plain that the Committee, in making their partition, acted and assumed to act, not as judicial officers, but rather

\*The most striking difference between these two Reports consists in this, that by the first nothing whatever is allowed out of the Patent to the Dover people or to the planters upon Bloody Point, though considerable tracts had been granted them in 1643 and 1644 by Act of Gen. Court. We suppose it was this strange or crafty omission which roused the people of Dover and Bloody Point (then a part of Dover) to active resistance to the adoption of the Committee's first Report; and led to the amended Report, which was finally approved.

† 3 Mass. Archives, 452.

in a spirit of compromise, in the hope of composing the long standing dissensions among the Piscataqua planters.

Their scheme was to satisfy as far as possible, or at least to appease all the conflicting interests in the Squamscott territory. To the lower plantation they granted all the land below Boiling Rock; to Dover they confirmed the territory on Bloody Point and around Great Bay, which had been granted to the town in previous years; to the proprietors of the Hilton or Squamscott Patent they reserved only the remainder, which they then proceeded to divide up among the three classes or ranks of these proprietors in the general manner, as we understand the Report, designated upon the accompanying Sketch Map. The portion colored upon the map in *yellow* was assigned to the "Shrewsbury men;" that in *blue* was laid off to Capt. Thomas Wiggin and his partners;\* that in *red*, which had long since been granted by Massachusetts to Dover, was confirmed to that township, and that colored *green* was allotted to Gardiner, Lake, and their partners,†

\*It is curious to notice, on comparing the northern boundary of Capt. Wiggin's portion with the southerly bound of the "Pescataway Grant," how nearly, if not precisely, they correspond. The Great Bay would, of course, constitute the natural northern bound of the second division granted to Wiggin and his partners, and it is difficult to understand why the committee adopted the limit laid down in their Report, unless they were acquainted with the bounds of the Pescataway Grant, and desired to keep the Captain's own lands out of harm's way against any contingencies.

†The various localities marked upon our sketch map, indispensable to any clear understanding of our subject, have been ascertained from documents, records, statutes, &c., with as much of care and pains as the difficulty of the research required.

*Canney's Creek or Cove* (erroneously called *Kinges Creek* in the printed Report of partition) lay on the Long Reach of the Piscataqua, about a half a mile above Boiling rock, and next below the lower bound of the ancient Rawlins farm, still in possession of that family. Its exact location appears from the terms of the grant made by Portsmouth in 1661, to Capt. Brian Pendleton of a tract of 240 acres of land "next to James Rawlins," "which takes its beginning," says the record, "at Kenney's cove and runs down by the riverside 80 rods to Pyne cove and thence into the woods 480 rods to the edge of the Pitch pine Plain upon a W. S. W. Lyne." (1 Ports. Rec. p. 77.) The several grants made about the same time to other persons, of all the remaining lands down the river to Boiling Rock, establish the distance of Canney's cove above that prominent landmark. The reason why this little cove was selected as the lower boundary of Bloody Point was, we conjecture, that it just embraced the land of James Rawlings, an early and influential Dover man, whose farm had the cove for its lower boundary.

"*Hogstye Cove*" is ascertained from the terms of a survey made by Portsmouth in 1665. Mr. George Snell and William Vaughan, the surveyors, "run the line," they report, "from Canney's Cove in the longe reach to Hogstye cove at the mouth of ye great Bay, and from the middle of the mouth of ye one cove to the middle of ye mouth of ye other is West and by South and East & by North and strikes Mr. William Furber's Barne." (1 Ports. Rec. p. 330.) *Weishman's Cove* on the Little Bay is still known as *Weish Cove* among the ancient families in the vicinity.

The entire neck of land lying above the line drawn from Canney's Creek to Hogstye Cove was originally called, from the circumstances of the quarrel between Captain Wiggin and Neal, before referred to, Bloody Point, a name still retained by a projection into the river nearly opposite Dover Point.

"*Cotterill's Dylight*" was a location at the extreme south-east corner of Great Bay near the mouth of Winnicot river, or perhaps Packer's creek. (1 N. H. Prov. Pap. 208, 222. 1 Ports. Rec. Anno 1666.) We have been unable to discover the origin or meaning of this name.

The site of *Captain Champenown's house* upon the magnificent farm of the late Col. Joshua W. Peirce at Greenland, is still pointed out to the delighted antiquary. Here dwelt for many years, in something of antique breadth and state, that relative and almost companion of Rawleigh and Gilbert; that noble born and bred of all New Hampshire's first planters.

Grand old English oaks, planted, as tradition has it, by the Captain's own hands, still lift their brave vigorous heads over the fertile meadows, true Herne's oaks, we exclaimed at the

The partition thus made of the Hilton or Squamscott Patent, in 1656, as we have described it, was accepted as final so far as it related to the two portions set off to the "Shrewsbury men" and to Captain Wiggin—those colored on the map in *blue* and in *yellow*. As to these portions there had never existed any conflicting title, except that of John Mason and his heirs under his patent of New Hampshire—a title, which, in the then political condition of England under Cromwell, hardly amounted to a cloud.

The remainder of the Hilton or Squamscott patent, as laid down by the Committee, lay wholly within the Piscataway Grant.\* But though the owners of the Piscataway or Great House Patent had, as we have argued, a superior title to the whole peninsula, embraced within their limits, yet in the present posture of affairs, now that all the land below Boiling Rock was reserved to them by the Committee for Partition, it was deemed better by John and Richard Cutt, Capt. Brian Pendleton, Richard Martyn, Joshua Moodey and the few others who then ruled the lower plantation under the Massachusetts, to negotiate peaceably for the purchase of the small remainder of land, left to the Squamscott proprietors, than to undertake a probably fruitless appeal to the Courts of Law. Having resolved on this course, the above named gentlemen so managed the affair, that in a few years they themselves became owners of nearly the entire tract.

In 1658, or before that year, the selectmen of Portsmouth bought of Thomas Lake the entire tract of land between Kenney's Creek and Boiling Rock, on the river, and running back nearly a mile and a half into the land "to the edge of the pitch pine plain upon a W.

first glance—unique in New Hampshire—a scene as beautiful as that from Windsor castle over Datchet Mead.

The ancient name, *Sandy Point*, is retained to the present day. Not far from this point is still discernible the cellar of the famous *Squamscott house*. Capt. Thomas Wiggin, so often referred to in these pages as the constant friend of Mass. Bay, erected this house about 1650, and here he died in 1667. For fourteen years he had held the high office of assistant to the Governor of Mass. Bay, the only Piscataqua man, we believe, ever chosen to that position. Having, in 1651, purchased of Thomas Lake a large interest in the Squamscott Patent, there was allotted to him and his partners (who subsequently released their interests to him), a territory three miles square, along Exeter river, now embraced in the town of Stratham. In close proximity to the "Squamscott House," in a field which slopes north towards the Bay, and almost upon the northern boundary of his land, are buried the bodies of that grim, sturdy Puritan and several generations of his family. The present owner of this burial ground, a lineal descendant of Captain Thomas, conducted us to the cemetery. Headstones, footstones, inscriptions, were all gone. Great maples and oaks were growing over the ancient *God's acre*; dead leaves rustled along the weird and shadowy ground. As the Puritan had in his life resembled Joshua, the son of Nun, who lead the children of Israel into a land flowing with milk and honey, so, like Joshua, was he fitly buried "in the border of his inheritance, in Timmath-serah, on the north side of the hill of Gaash."

\* This latter grant was still held as the cherished property of the town of Portsmouth. Even so late, for instance, as 1660, Portsmouth appointed Commissioners to run out the line between that town and Hampton, "always provided" says the record, "that not any of the lands belonging to the Great House Patent be granted to be in the township of Hampton by those empowered by us." (1 Ports. Rec. p. 66.) The Great House Patent seems to have been the familiar title of the old "grant and confirmation of Piscataway," so far as it applied to the southerly side of the river. This southerly section of the Piscataway Grant appears also to have been sometimes entitled the "Twenty Thousand acre Patent." (1 N. H. Prov. Pap. 83-96.)

S. W. Lyne." The consideration *paid by the town* was £50. In 1661 this large tract was divided and laid out among Capt. Brian Pendleton and his associates;\* 240 acres each to Capt. Pendleton and John Cutt, 80 acres to Joshua Moodey, and 52 acres to Richard Martyn.

This large and valuable tract stretching from Winnicut River along Great Bay to Sandy Point seems to have lain unappropriated until 1669, at which time the town, having determined to assert their own superior title over it against the Squamscott patentees, granted two-thirds of the entire tract to John Cutt, Nathaniel Freyer, Capt. James Pendleton and others, "provided," continues the Record, "the parties abovesaid maintain and defend the same in the towne's behalf at their, the aforesaid parties owne proper cost and charge against any that shall oppose—further that the town grants and confirms unto Mr. Andrew Wiggin the right and title to his land, as was granted to him by Capt. Lake and Capt. Waldron with the priviledges of our town, provided wee recover the land aforesd by law."† A few grants to private individuals seem also to have been made by Lake and Waldron out of their portion of the Squamscott Patent, but on quite nominal considerations.

In these several ways, the pretended claim of the Hilton Point proprietors to any of the land covered by the "Grant of Piscataway," or "Great House Patent," was at last extinguished, or repudiated, and nearly the whole of that territory (except what remained to Dover) fell into the hands of a knot of men at Portsmouth, as rapacious as they were harsh and bigoted.

As to the "*Dover Patent*," or northerly portion of the Hilton Patent, as it was construed by Massachusetts, we do not find that any steps were ever taken to lay out and bound the land covered by it, but the township of Dover having been partly bounded out in 1642, shortly after the union of the Piscataqua to Massachusetts, received in 1656, concurrently with the partition of Squamscott, a quit claim from the planters of all their interest in Dover, with a slight reservation of about 16 acres.‡

The only substantial advantage derived from the Mass. construction of the Hilton Patent was taken by the Massachusetts themselves. Jurisdiction over the Piscataqua had been obtained by the skilful use of that instrument, and when once got, it was firmly kept, after that instrument had disappeared. But this usurpation, of which it has been said "a more unjust and tyrannical act never was perpetrated on this continent,"§ was not destined to endure for many years. The people of the lower Piscataqua were in spirit deadly

\* 1 Ports. Rec. p. 51-55-77.

† 1 Ports. Rec. p. 125.

‡ 1 N. H. Prov. Pap. 222.

§ Potter's Hist. of Manchester, p. 116.

hostile to the Mass. Bay. Shortly after the annexation, a few of the Puritan sort and faith had crept into the country, and by the aid of the Bay had seized on the offices and places of power and appropriated to themselves nearly all the common lands; but the original planters grew daily more and more incensed. In 1651, the inhabitants of Strawberry Bank openly rebelled and attempted to withdraw their subjection to the Boston government.\* But this outbreak was suppressed. Another effort was made to the same purpose on the arrival of the Royal Commissioners in 1664, though without permanent success. But in 1679, the Massachusetts usurpation over the Piscataqua was terminated by the erection of New Hampshire into a Royal Province.

Thus did the last fruits of the Hilton Patent decay and perish; thus were the angry broils of forty years composed. The proprietors of the Patent had after all profited little or nothing by the attempted appropriation of Piscataqua lands; the Massachusetts were in the end compelled to disgorge the purloined jurisdiction they had so uneasily obtained and kept, and thus retributive justice was at last meted out to all the actors in the transaction.

In conclusion and recapitulation of the views presented in this monograph, we have endeavored to show that it was the desire of Mass. Bay to include the Piscataqua region within her limits and to secure there a good neighborhood of "honest men," which led her magistrates to effect, through their friend Capt. Thomas Wiggin, in 1633, a purchase and transfer of the Hilton Point Patent to the Puritan Lords and gentlemen of Shrewsbury; whose successors in 1641, in accordance, we suppose, with the original understanding, made a full submission of the Patent to Mass. jurisdiction. At the same time, in furtherance of the same general design, a statutory construction was put upon the Patent, by which it was split into two distinct portions, and the lower or Squamscott portion was violently stretched so as to cover the whole southern bank of the river from Squamscott falls to its mouth.

The Hilton Patent having thus served its political and religious purpose, was never fully enforced. Large portions of its territory were granted to Dover and a still larger part was retained by Strawberry Bank, and in the conclusion of the whole matter, the Squamscott patentees took but trifling advantage from the distorted misconstruction of their grant.

The long controversy was no doubt of trifling importance, but whoever will study it attentively will see displayed such a stubborn conflict between patentee and planter; such a hot contention between

\* 1 N. H. Prov. Pap., 195.

Royalist and Roundhead; such fierce hatred between Puritan and Churchman; and at all times such political sagacity and vigor of thought, as make the story of the Hilton Point Patent (only a brief outline of which we have sketched) the most instructive if not entertaining in the early annals of New Hampshire.

The real history of New Hampshire during the first half century of its existence has not been written. Until a very recent date, the only original materials for such a history, available to our students, were the scanty relics of our town and county records, and a few documents preserved among the Archives of Massachusetts or in private hands together with some casual hints and prejudiced notices of the Piscataqua to be found among the historians of Plymouth and the Bay. Dr. Belknap's narrative of this early period, founded upon materials such as these—the only ones, however, at his command—could at best have drawn a mere outline of its history; and now it turns out that even the outline of our early history made by that elegant historian is utterly mistaken and distorted. The annals of New Hampshire, from the time of its first planting down to its erection into a royal province, in 1679, require to be entirely rewritten. A great mass of new materials for that purpose has lately been gathered together by our antiquarians, and now await only the kindling pen of an impartial historian to shed a clear and satisfactory light over the tortuous ways and the dark mysteries of our early history.

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### THE HILTON OR SQUAMSCOTT PATENT.

To all X'rian People to whome these presents shall come, Greeting, (after the usual recital of the great grant by King James in 1620).

Now know yee that the said President and Councill by Virtue & Authority of his Majties said Letters Pattents, and for and in consideration that Edward Hilton & his Associates hath already at his and their owne proper costs and charges transported sundry servants to plant in New England aforesaid at a place there called by the natives Wecanacohunt otherwise Hilton's point lying some two leagues from the mouth of the River Paskataquack in New England aforesaid where they have already Built some houses, and planted Corne, And for that he doth further intend by Gods Divine Assistance, to transport thither more people and cattle, to the good increase and advancement & for the better settling and strengthening of their plantation as also that they may be the better encouraged to proceed in soe pious a work which may Especially tend to the propagation of



Religion and to the Great increase of Trade to his Majties Realmes and Dominions, and the advancement of publique plantacon, Have given granted Enfeoffed and Confirmed, and by this their p'sent writing doe fully clearly and absolutely give grant enfeoffe and Confirme unto the said Edward Hilton his heires and assignes for ever, all that part of the River Pascataquack called or known by the name of Wecanacohunt or Hilton's Point with the south side of the said River, up to the ffall of the River, and three miles into the Maine Land by all the breadth aforesaid. Together with all the Shoares Creeks Bays Harbors and Coasts, amongst the sea within the limitts and Bounds aforesaid with the woods and Islands next adjoyneing to the said Lands, not being already granted by the said Councell unto any other person or persons together alsoe with all the Lands Rivers Mines mineralls of what kinde or nature soever, woods Quarries, Marshes, Waters, Lakes ffishings, Huntings, Hawkings, fflowings, Comodities Emolumts and hereditaments whatsoever withall and singular their and every of their Appts in or within the limitts or bounds aforesaid, or to the said Lands lying within the same limitts or Bounds belonging or in any wise appertaining. To have and to hold, all and singular the said Lands and p'mises, with all and singular the woods, Quarries, Marshes, Waters, Rivers, Lakes, ffishings, fflowings, Hawkings, Huntings, Mynes, Mineralls of what kynde or nature soever, privileges, Rights Jurisdicons Libbertyes Royalties and all other profits Comodities Emoluments and hereditaments whatsoever, before in and by these p'sents given and granted, or herein meant intenconed or intended to be hereby given or granted, their and every of their appts and every part and parcell there of with (Except before Excepted) unto the said Edward Hilton his heires, Associates and Assignes forever to the onely proper use and behoofe of the said Edward Hilton his heires Associates & Assignes for ever, yielding and paying unto our Sovereigne Lord the King one fifth part of Gold and Silver Oares, and another fifth part to the Councell aforesaid and their successors to be holden of the said Councell and their successors by the rent hereafter in these p'sents Reserved, yielding and paying therefor yearly for ever unto the said Councell their successors or Assignes for every hundred Acres of the said Land in use the sume of twelve pence of Lawfull money of England into the hands of the Rent gatherer for the time being of the said Councell yr successors or Assignes for all services whatsoever, And the said Councell for the affaires of New England in America aforesaid, Doe by these p'sents nominate Depute, Authorize appoint and in their place and stead put William Blackston of New England in America aforesaid clerk William Jefries and Thomas Lewis of the

same place Gent and either or any of them Joyntly or severally to be their true and Lawfull Attorney or Attorneys and in their name and stead to enter into the said part or porcon of Land, and other the p'mises with the appts by these p'sents Given and granted or into some part thereof in the name of the whole, and peaceable & quiett possession and seisin thereof for them to take and the same soe had and taken in their name and stead to deliver possession & seisin thereof unto the said Edward Hilton his heires Associates and Assignes, according to the tenor forme and effect of these p'sents Ratifieing Confirmeing and allowing all and whatsoever the said Attorney or Attornyes or either of them shall doe in or about the p'mises by virtue hereof. In witnesse whereof the said Councill for the affaires of New England in America aforesaid, have hereunto caused their common Seale to be putt the twelfth day of March Anno Dmi 1629, And in the fifth yeare of the Reigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles by the Grace of God of England Scotland, ffrance and Ireland, defender of the ffaith &c.

Ro: Warwicke.

Memo: that upon the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July Anno Dmi 1631 Annoq: R's Carooli pri: Septimo: by virtue of a warrt of Attorney within menconed from the Councill of the affaires in New England under their Common seale unto Thomas Lewis he the said Thomas Lewis had taken quiett possession of the within menconed p'mises and Livery and Seisin thereof hath given to the within named Edward Hilton in the p'sence of us.

Vera Copia Efficit pr nos  
Tim: s Nicholas  
Pet Coppeer

Thomas Wiggin  
Wm. Hilton  
Saml Sharpe  
James Downe

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Attest

Rich: Partridge, Cler.

(Endorsed)

Grant from the Councill of Plymouth to Edward Hilton of Lands in New Hampshire in New England dated the 12<sup>th</sup> March 1629.

For Hilton's Point And the south side of said River & to the falls.

Allen vs. Waldron

Feb'y 1704-5.

GRANT AND CONFIRMATION OF PESCATAWAY TO SR.  
FERDINANDO GORGES AND CAPT. MASON AND  
OTHERS, ANO 1631.

This Indenture made the 3d day of Novemr Ano Dni 1631: and in ye 7th year of ye Reigne of Our Sovraigne Charles by the Grace of God of England Scotland France and Ireland King Defender of the faith &c. Betweene the Presidt & Councill of New England on ye one pty and Sr Ferdinando Gorges Knt Capt John Mason of London Esqr and their Associates John Cotton Henry Gardner, Geo: Griffith Edwin Guy Thomas Wannerton Thomas Eyre and Eliezer Eyre on ye other pty Witnesseth (after reciting the Great Patent of King James to the President & Council of New England, dated Nov. 3, 1620,) that the sd Presidt and Councill of their full free and mutuall consent, as well as to ye end that all the Lands Woods Lakes Loucks, Rivers, Waters, ponds Islands and Fishings, wth all other Traffique Proffits and Commodities whatsoever to them or any of them belonging, and hereafter in these Pnts menconed may be wholly and entirely invested appropriated secured and settled in and upon ye sd Sr fferdinando Gorges, Capt. John Mason and their Associates John Cotton, Henry Gardner, George Griffith, Edwyn Guy, Thomas Wannerton Thom Eyrie & Eliezer Eyre as by diuers speciall Services by them already done for the advancement of the sd Plantacon by makeing of Clap board and pipestaves makeing of Salt Panns and Salt, transporting of Vines for makeing of Wines searching for Iron Oare being all businesse of very great Consequence for causeing of many Soules both men, women and boys and store of Shippes to be employed thither, and so in short time prove a great Nursery for Shipping and Mariners, and also a great help to such as in this Kingdome want good Employmt And further for Yt the sd Sr fferd Gorges Capt John Mason and their said Associates John Cotton Henry Gardner Geo. Griffith Edwin Guy Thom: Wannerton Tho Eyre and Eliezer Eyer have by their Agents there taken great paines and spent much tyme in the discovery of the Countrie all wch hath cost them (as we are credibly Informed) 3000 lb and upwards, which hitherto they are wholly out of purse upon hope of doing good in time to come to ye publique, And also for other good and sufficient Causes and Consideracon the sd Presidt and Councill especially thereunto moueing, Have given granted bargained sold assigned aliend, sett ouer enfeofed and confirmed and by these pnts Do give grant, bargain sell assigne, aliene sett over enfeoffe and confirm unto the sd fferdinando Gorges Capt John Mason John Cotton Henr Gardner Geo Griffith Edwin Guy Thom. Wannerton Thom. Eyere and Eliezer

Eyre, their Heirs and Assignes for ever All that house and chiefe habitacon situate and being at Pascataway als Pascataquack als Pascaquacke in New England aforesaid, wherein Capt. Walt. Neale and ye Colony wth him now doth or lately did reside togeather with the Gardens and Corne ground occupied and planted by the sd Colonie, and the Salt workes allready begun as aforesd. And also all that porcon of Land lying withn the precincts hereafter menconed, beginning upon the Sea coast 5 miles to the Wtward of or from the sd chiefe Habitacon or Plantation now possessed by the sd Capt Walter Neale for ye use of the Adventurers to Liconia (being in the latitude of 43 Degr or thereabouts in the Harbour of Pascataquack als Pascataquack als Passataway, and so forth from ye sd beginning Eastwd & North Eastwd and so proceed in Northwds or North Westwds into ye Harbour and River along the Coasts and Shoares thereof including all the Islands and Isletes lying withn or neere unto the same upwards unto the head land opposite unto the plantacon or Habitacon now or late in the Tenure or Occupation Edw Hilton & from thence wt wds & South wt wds in ye middle of ye River and through ye middle of ye Bay or Lake of Pasquacack als Pascaquack or by what other name or names it hath toward the bottome or Westernmost part of ye River called Pascassocke to the falls thereof, and from thence by an Imaginary Line to pass ouer, and to the Sea, where the Prambulacon begann Togeather wth all ye Lands, Soyle, Ground Wood, Quarries, Mines ffishings Hunting Hawking fflowing Comodities and Hereditamts whatsoever, Togeather also wth all prrogatives, Jurisdiccons Royalties, privileidges, franchises and preheminence wth in ye precincts of Land contained within ye limits or bounds aforesaid. And also the Isles of Shoals, and ye ffishings thereabouts And all the Seas within 15 miles of thaforesd Sea Coast. And also all the Sea Coast and Land lying on ye East and North east side of the Harboure and River of Pascataway aforesd and opposite to the bounds above mencioned begining 15 miles to ye S. eastward of ye Mouth or first entrance and begining of the said Harboure, and so upp to ye falls and into the ponds, or Lakes that feed the sd ffalls, by the space of 30 miles including the sd ponds or Lakes and the Shoores thereof, and so crossing into the Landward, at a right angle by the space of 3 miles the whole length thereof from ye sd mouth or first entrance from the Sea and Eastwds into ye Sea wch sd 3 miles shalbe allowed for ye breadth of ye sd land last menconed both upon ye land and sea, As also all ye land Soyle Ground Woods, Quarrie, Mines, ffishings Hunting Hawking fflowing Comodities and Hereditamts whatsoever, togeather wth all prerogatives Jurisdiccons Royalties, Privleidges, franchises and preheminence within the precincts of Land last menconed, contained To have and

to hold all ye sd House and Habitacon porcons of Land and all Lakes and Islands therein contained as aforesaid, and all and singular other ye prmises hereby given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, and confirmed, wth all and singular the appurtenances and every part and pcell thereof unto ye sd Sr fferdenando Gorges, Capt John Mason, John Cotton, Henry Gardner Geo. Griffith, Edwyn Guy, Thomas Wannerton, Thomas Eyre and Elyezer Eyer to ye only use & behoofe of them ye sd fferd. Gorges &c their Heires and Ass. for ever. Yielding and paying unto our Sover Ld ye King his Heires and Successors 1-5 of all ye Oare of Gold and Silver that from time to time and at all tymes hereafter shalbe there gotten, had & obtained for all services, duties and Comands, and also yielding & paying unto the sd Presidt Councill and their Successers every yeere yeerely for ever 40s sterl. at ye ffeast of St Mich: tharchangell if it shal be lawfully demanded, at the Assurance House on the West side of the Royll Exchange in London. (Then follow the usual covenants for quiet possession and further assurance—and the appointment of Capt. Thom Camock and Henry Joselin as attorneys to deliver seizin and possession.) In Witnesse whereof the said president and Councill to two parts of these presents both of One Tenor have sett their Common Seale and to one part thereof the sd Sr Ferden: Gorges, Capt. John Mason, John Cotton, Henry Gardner, Geo: Griffith, Edwyn Guy, Tho. Wannerton Thom: Eyre and Eliezer Eyre have sett their hands and Seale the Day and yeere first above written.

(Endorsed in pencil) 3. Nov. 1631.

N. Engd.

#### NOTE.

Previous to our discovery of this instrument, our knowledge of its terms was derived solely from the abstract printed in Hubbard's Gen. Hist. of New England, p. 215. Hubbard had evidently seen a true copy of the instrument which he states was then extant (*circa* 1680) in the hands of some gentleman living at Portsmouth. He quotes accurately considerable portions of the document; but when he undertakes to set forth a condensed description of the limits of the Grant, his language, *as printed*, is misleading or unintelligible. The text is as follows: "Among other things there is also added [to the Pescataway grant] salt works, lying and being situate near the harbor of Pascataqua with all the lands adjoining, that run along five miles westward by the sea-coast, and so to cross over in an angle of three miles breadth towards a plantation in the hands of Edward Hilton supposed to be about Dover and so towards Exeter."

This description is absolutely *without meaning*. What significa-

tion can be attached to the words, "*and so to cross over in an angle of three miles breadth towards a plantation in the hands of Edward Hilton?*" And, moreover, this description, as it stands printed, purporting to be copied out of the Patent itself, is on its face erroneous, for how could a Grant, made in 1631, refer to the town of *Exeter*, which was unknown and unnamed until several years later?

We may be confident that the Rev. William Hubbard did not write any such description of the "Pescataway Grant," as is printed in his history, and that the jargon of his printed language has been introduced by the ignorance of carelessness of his transcribers, or by the impossibility of deciphering at times "Hubbard's crabbed autograph." As is well known, the "General History of New England" was printed by the Mass. Hist. Society from a manuscript which once belonged to Prince. This manuscript was not in the author's own handwriting, and different portions of it were copied by several different transcribers, some of whose chirography is illegible to the most careful study. Under such circumstances, the printed History could hardly escape numerous errors which, though they have severely shaken the authority of the work, are not justly chargeable against the "learned and ingenious author" himself.

Whoever will take the pains to compare Hubbard's description of the "Grant of Pescataway," above quoted, with the language of the Instrument itself, will be satisfied that he had before him a copy of the instrument at the time he extracted his description from it, because the words used in this description are nearly all of them to be found in the Grant. The description, as printed, purports from its inverted commas to be quoted literally from the instrument itself. This is obviously incorrect, as Hubbard undertakes only to give the *substance*, not the language, of the grant.

What were the exact words used by the historian in making up his epitome of the Pescataway grant, we shall perhaps never know; but it may be entertaining, in the absence of any sort of knowledge on the subject, to indulge in fanciful conjectures. Suppose we supply to Hubbard's description the few words, here printed in *italics*, to be found in the Patent itself, but omitted perhaps by the transcriber; the clause will then read thus:

"Among other things there is also added salt works lying and being situate near the harbor of Pascataqua with all the lands adjoining, that run along five miles westward by the sea coast and *al-so the lands on the east side of the river*, to cross over *into the landward* at a right angle *by the space* of three miles breadth towards a Plantation in the hands of Ed. Hilton supposed to be about Dover and so towards Exeter."

The description, as thus amended, would be an intelligible and generally accurate abstract of the limits of Piscataway Grant.

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### PAPER OF SUBMISSION.

The 14th of the 4th mo. 1641.

Whereas some Lords, knights, gentlemm & others did purchased of Mr. Edward Hilton, & of some merchants of Bristoll two pattents, one called Wecohannet or Hilton's point commonly called or knowne by the name of Dover or Northam, the other pattent set forth by the name of the south part of the ryver of Pascataquack beginning at the sea side or near thereabout & coming round the said land by the river unto the falls of Quamscott as more fully appear by the said grant: And whereas also the inhabitants residing at present within the limitts of both the said grants have of late & formerly complained of the want of some good government amongst them & desired some help in this particular from the jurisdiction of the Mass Bay, whereby they may be ruled and ordered according unto God both in church & commonweal, and for the avoyding such insufferable disorders whereby God hath been much dishonored amongst them. Those gentlemen whose names are here specified, George Willis gent, Robt. Saltonstall gent, Will. Whiting, Edward Holliock, Thomas Makepeace, partners in the said pattent do in behalfe of the rest of the patentees dispose of the lands & jurisdiction of the premises as followeth, being willing to further such a good worke have hereby for themselves & in the name of the rest of the pattentees given up & set over all that power of jurisdiction or government of the said people dwelling and abiding within the limitts of both the said pattents unto the government of the Massachusetts Bay, by them to be ruled & ordered in all causes criminall and civill as inhabitants dwelling within the limitts of the Massachusetts government & to be subject to pay in church & commonweale as the said inhabitants of the Massachusetts bay do & no other. And the freemen of the said 2 pattents to enjoy the like liberties as other freemen do in the said Massachusetts government, & that there shall be a court of justice kept within one of the 2 patents, which shall have the same power that the courts of Salem & Ipswich have, Provided always, & it is hereby declared that one of the said pattents, that is to say that on the south side of the ryver of Pascataquack, & in the other pattent one third part of the land with all improved land in the said pattent to the lords & gentlemen & other owners shall be & remain

unto them, their heirs & assigns forever as their proper right & as having true interest therein saving the interest of jurisdiction to the Massachusetts, and the said patent of Wecohannett shall be divided as formerly is exprest by indifferent men equally chosen on both sides, whereby the plantation may bee furthered & all occasions of differences avoyded.

And this honored court of the Massachusetts hereby promise to bee heelpful to the maintenance of the rights of the Pattentees in both the said Pattents in all the legall courses in any part of their jurisdiction.

Subscribed by the fore named gentlemen in the presence of the general court assembled the day afore written. C. Rec., vol. 1, pp. 304 and 5.

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### THE ACT OF UNION.

A General Court held at Boston the 9th day of the 8th month 1641.

Whereas it appeareth that by the extent of the line (according to our patent) that the ryver of Pascataquack is within the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts & conference being had (at severall times) with the said people & and some deputed by the Generall Court for the setteling and establishing of order in the administration of justice there. It is now ordered by the Generall Court holden at Boston the 9th day of the 8th month 1641, & with the consent of the inhabitants of the said ryver as followeth :

*Imprimis*, That from henceforth the said people inhabiting there are and shall be accepted & reputed under the government of the Massachusetts as the rest of the inhabitants within the said jurisdiction are.

Also that they shall have the same order and way of administration of justice and way of keeping courts as is established at Ipswich & Salem.

Also that they shall be exempted from all publique charges other than those that shall arise for, or from among themselves or from any occasion or course that may be taken to procure their own particular good or benefit.

Also they shall enjoy all such lawfull liberties of fishing, planting felling timber as formerly they have enjoyed in the said ryver.

Mr Simon Bradstreete, Mr Israell Stoughton, Mr Samuel Symonds, Mr Willi. Tynge, Mr Francis Williams & Mr. Edward Hilton or any four of them, whereof Mr Bradstreete or Mr Stoughton to bee one these shall have the same power that the Quarter Courts at Salem and Ipswich have.



Also the inhabitants there are allowed to send two deputyes from the whole ryver to the Court at Boston.

Also Mr Bradstreete, Mr Stoughton and the rest of the commissioners shall have power at the Court at Pascataquack to appoint two or three to joyne with Mr Williams & Mr Hilton to govern the people as the magistrates do here till the next Generall Court, or till the Court take further order.

It is further ordered that until our commissioners shall arrive at Pascataquack, those men who already have authority by the late combination to govern the people there shall continue in the same authority & power to bee determined at the coming of the said commissioners & not before. C. Rec., vol. 1, pp. 319, 20.

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PARTITION.

May 22, 1656.

We whose names are hereto subscribed according to an order of the honored Generall Court in November 1655, appointinge us to make a first devision of the Pattent of Swamscott doe thus make our returne.

When we come to peruse the Pattent we found it to extend for the length of it from the lower part of the river Pascataquack on the south side of said River unto the falls of said River at Exeter, & for breadth along the said River 3 miles from the falls of the head lyne for the breadth of it, which head lyne we run upon a southeast poynt of the compass which ended three quarters of a mile beyond Aspe brooke towards Hampton about 40 pole beyond or below the high way where we marked a great red oak on fowre sides.

2dly. From the said head lyne we measured for the length on the Northeast poynt of the Compass 6 miles & a halfe the which extended to that part of the bay near Winicott River.

3dly. We measured a second cross line for breadth beginning at Squamscott house extending it 3 miles upon the south east poynt where we did mark several pine trees. The rest of the land belonging to the Pattent about & below the great bay we understood to be impassable as to measuring by reason of the exceedinge thick swamps; but we took the best information we might of diverse & severall inhabitants of the great Bay & Strawberry Banke & their reports agreed viz., that from the lower part of the bottom of the Bay neere Captain Champoun's house to the River neere the Boyling Rock or thereabouts all the neck of land within that Lyne unto the

little Bay Contayning as neere as men of best experience can informe about 4 miles square being all within the Pattent. And whereas from the easterly part of the great Bay, being a part of the river, we should have measured 3 miles into the land we find in that place by credible information the land so narrow to the seaward that we can allow no more according to the intent of the Pattent as we understand it that one mile and a halfe to be run from each poynt of the bottom of the Bay upon an easterly line into ye land.

To the matter of service appoynted unto us by the Generall Courte concerning divissions of the Pattent, we finding the present owners to be of three sorts or ranks we have therefore agreed to make three severall divissions. The first division being 8 shares & one quarter belonging to Mr. Nathaniel Gardner, Mr. Tho. Lake and partners, we assign and lay out to them all the land from Bloody Point unto the boyling Rock for breadth or thereabouts & for length extendinge to the lower lyne of the middle devission which is about 40 pole from Sandy Poynt & so the lyne running southeast 3 miles in the land as also the land lying upon the bottom of the great Bay, being or extendinge one mile & halfe from every part of the bottom of the bay upon an east'y lyne into the woods in which division of the land & marsh graunted unto Dover by the generall Court shall be & remayne to them forever viz., the land from Kinges Creeke to a certain Cove neere the mouth of the great Bay called Hogstye Cove with all the marsh from that place round about the bay up to Cotterills Delight with 400 acres of upland as it graunted by the Court bounded layd out and possessed by the inhabitants of Dover with 50 acres of upland more about or neere the great Bay with 50 acres to be layd out and disposed of by Capt. Richard Walden to some of the inhabitants of Dover, whom he sees fitt.

The second division being 8 shares and one quarter belonging to Capt. Thomas Wiggin and partners, who have purchased and obtained the same, we assigne & lay out 3 miles square beginning at a plump of trees standing on a peece of old planting land about 40 poles below Sandy Poynt, & up the river upon a streight line toward Exeter, the River being the bounds of it on the North side & at each end to run a lyne upon the southeast poynt of the Compass 3 miles into the land there to bound it on that side, Provided that Capt. Tho Wiggin pay unto the other two thirds the sum of £66 13s 4d according to their shares and proportions in boards within 6 months if demanded which he is to pay at either of his saw-mills in Pascataquack river.

To the third division being 8 shares & one quarter belonging to the Shrewsbury men, to which we assign & lay out all that land from the

uppermost lyne of the middle division to the mouth of the Creeke called Mr. Wheelwrights creeke, the same to run 3 miles towards Hampton upon a southeast lyne all the land between this lyne & Exeter falls to the full extent of the Lyne to ly[e] to Exeter, being graunted to them by deed of gift by Capt. Wiggan sole Agent for the Company.

The Court allows and approves of the  
returne of this Committee as is here exprest. { Samuel Winslow,  
Wm Bartholomew,  
Samuel Hall.



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## THE INDENTURE OF DAVID THOMSON AND OTHERS.

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Some two or three years ago, the President of this Society, Mr. Winthrop, placed in my hands an old parchment deed,—discovered among his rich ancestral treasures of a like character,—which he said contained the name, among others, of David Thomson. I found it, on examination, to be an indenture, dated 14th December, 1622, between David Thomson, of Plymouth, of the one part, and three merchants,—viz., Abraham Colmer, Nicholas Sherwill, and Leonard Pomery, also of Plymouth,—of the other part. This parchment, 17 by 20 inches in size, was that part of the indenture which contained the covenants and the signatures of the three merchants just named. An exact copy of the document is given below; but, in order that the reader may get at its meaning in fewer words, I will here give a *résumé* of it.

The indenture recites that the Council for New England had granted to David Thomson, under date of the 16th October, 1622, six thousand acres of land and one island in New England; and that Thomson had absolutely conveyed one-fourth part of the island to the three merchants of Plymouth named, with covenants to convey in fee simple the fourth part of the six thousand acres. In consideration whereof, it is agreed between the parties as follows:—

*First.* That the three merchants will, at their own charge, this present year, provide and send two men, with Thomson, in the ship “Jonathan, of Plymouth,” to New England; with victuals and provisions, &c., as shall suffice them till they are landed. And, if they land there within the space of three months after the ship shall pass Ram Head (a promontory just outside of Plymouth Sound), the residue of the three months’ victuals shall be delivered to Thomson at his landing, there to be disposed of by him towards finding a fit place for the intended habitation, and also to begin the same.

*Second.* The three merchants will this present year, at their own charge, provide and send three men more, in the ship “Providence,” of Plymouth, if they may be so soon gotten, or in some other ship, with the first expedition that may be, to New England; the charges of these three men to be borne equally by all the parties.

*Third.* Two men more are to be sent this present year in the "Jonathan," the charges of them to be borne by all the parties equally.

*Fourth.* As soon as Thomson and the seven men are landed in New England, he shall, as soon as convenient, find out a fit place to make choice of the six thousand acres of land, and a fit place to settle and erect some houses or buildings for habitations, and to begin the same. Adjoining these buildings, there shall be allotted, before the end of five years, six hundred acres of land, which, with all the buildings and everything appertaining to them, shall, at the end of said five years, be divided equally between all the parties; and all the charges for building, planting, and husbanding, &c., during that time, shall be equally borne by all. The residue of the six thousand acres to be also divided in a convenient time between the parties in four parts, whereof Thomson is to have three-fourths, and the other three parties one-fourth.

*Fifth.* At the end of five years, the island shall be divided in four parts, whereof Thomson is to have three parts, and the others one part.

*Sixth.* Three-fourths of the charge for planting, husbanding, and building on the said island, shall be borne by Thomson, and one-fourth by the other parties.

*Seventh.* All the profits during the five years that may arise on the six hundred acres, by fishing, trading, &c., shall be divided equally; only the merchants shall have liberty to employ ships to fish at their own charge, if Thomson does not bear his share of such charge.

*Eighth.* All benefits and profits arising during the five years on the residue of the six thousand acres, and on the island, shall be divided among them; Thomson to have three parts, and the others one part. Each of them shall, on request, deliver a just account of his receipts and payments during the five years.

The three merchants named in this covenant are persons well known in the history of Plymouth, in England.

Abraham Colmer (or Colman) was Mayor of that town in 1615 and in 1627, and Alderman in 1626. Nicholas Sherwell was Mayor in 1618, 1628, and 1637. In 1625, "Thos. and Nic. Sherwell erected, founded, and established the Hospitall of Orphans' Aid" in that city. Leonard Pomeroy was a member of the Council in 1612, and Mayor in 1623. On the 22d March, 1630, the ship "Jonathan, of Plymouth," of 150 tons, is mentioned as owned by Nicholas Sherwell and Abraham Colemer. "Mr. Fowell," probably John, one of the witnesses to the sealing and delivering of the indenture, was "Town Clarke" of Plymouth in 1612.\*

\* See "A History of Plymouth," by Llewellynn Jewett, F. S. A., 1873, pp. 145, 147, 152, 165, 167, 171, 176; Cal. S. P. Domestic, 1626, p. 511; 1630, p. 468; 1637, p. 6; 1638, p. 607.



David Thomson himself is too well known in the early history of New England, to need special mention here. He came over in the spring of 1622, and settled at a place called "Little Harbor," on the west side of the Piscataqua River, where he is found in that year by Robert Gorges and by Christopher Levett. About the year 1626, he took possession of the island in Boston Harbor which now bears his name, where he soon after died, leaving a wife and an infant son to whom the General Court of Massachusetts subsequently granted this island. In Robert Gorges's patent, he is styled "David Thomson, gent." Winslow calls him a "Scotchman." In this indenture, he is described as of "Plymouth." His name is often mentioned in the Records of the Council for New England. He appears to have been actively employed in a confidential capacity as a sort of agent or messenger of the company.

On the 5th of July, 1622, "It is ordered that David Thomson do attend the Lords, with a petition to his Majesty for forfeits committed by Thomas Weston. As also to solicit the Lords for procuring from his majesty a proclamation concerning the fishermen of the western parts. Likewise to procure some course for punishing their contempt of authority."

On the 24th of July, "Mr. Thomson is appointed to attend the Lords, for a warrant to Mr. Attorney-General for drawing the new patent."

On the 8th of November, "Mr. Thomson is ordered to pay unto Leo. Peddock £10 towards his pains for his last employments to New England."

On the 11th of November, "Mr. Thomson is appointed to attend Sir Robert Mansell," concerning Captain Squibb's commission.

On the 15th of November, "Mr. Thomson and the clerk" are directed to "see the tun of iron weighed," to be sent to Whitby. And on the same day "Mr. Thomson is appointed to solicit Capt. Love to pay in the £40 for which Sr. Saml. Argall standeth engaged," &c.

On the 16th of November, "It is ordered that Mr. Thomson solicit the adventurers for payment in of their moneys"; and under the same date, "Mr. Thomson's patent was this day signed by the above-said Council."

On the 3d of December, "Mr. Thomson propoundeth to have order from the Council for transportation of ten persons with the provisions for New England. And the persons so transported to pay the Council the usual rate for their transportation, after the expiration of two years."

This indenture, as will be seen, recites a grant from the Council of

New England to Thomson, under date of 16th October, 1622. The Records of the Council show no grant to him under that date; but under 16th November we read, "Mr. Thomson's patent was this day signed by the above said Council." It may have been drawn in the previous month, and the date inserted, but not signed till later.

That the whole programme indicated in this indenture was carried out according to its terms, I should hesitate to affirm. But that the preliminaries of it were entered upon, there is no reason to doubt. This indenture was executed in two parts. The part before us, signed by the Plymouth merchants, belonged to Thomson, was brought over with him, and after his death, in Massachusetts, found its way to the possession of Governor Winthrop. It may have been used incidentally as evidence in the subsequent controversy about Thomson's Island. The assistance agreed upon at the outset by the merchants must have been afforded. It is not likely that Thomson would have come over without assistance; and here we find the agreement for the requisite aid, made by responsible merchants, engrossed on parchment, and the name of the vessel given to be employed in the transportation of him and the men to be sent over in their service.

In the extracts cited above from the Records of the Council for New England, where Thomson's name so often appears from July to December, 1622, the two last entries indicate his plans and intentions respecting New England. After the 3d of December, his name disappears from the Records.\* He was preparing to go to New England, and was now employed at Plymouth in making arrangements for the voyage. His indenture with the merchants is dated the 14th of that month, in which they agree that the vessel in which he was to be transported to New England, the "Jonathan, of Plymouth," should be sent "this present year," which ended on the 24th March. In a few months later we find Thomson himself here.†

\* Under the date of the 25th of the following February, the clerk was ordered to call upon Mr. Collingwood (who had formerly been clerk of the Council, but now was clerk of the Virginia Company) for a copy of Sir John Bruce's patent. The clerk makes the following memorandum: "Mr. Collingwood answered me that he hath delivered all the books to Sir Ferd. Gorges and to Mr Thomson"; that is, some time previously.

† The earliest notice of David Thomson's purpose respecting New England is in the Records of the Council for New England, under the date of 16th November, 1622. "Mr. Thomson's patent was this day signed by the above said Council." Then under date of 3d December, "Mr. Thompson propoundeth to have order from the Council for transportation of 10 persons with the provisions for New England. And the persons so transported to pay the Council the usual rate for their transportation, after expiration of 2 years." Next follows the indenture before us, dated 14th December, 1622, containing the agreement to send Thomson out to New England in the ship "Jonathan," "this present year." In the patent to Robert Gorges, of 30th December of this year, "David Thomson, gent.," is authorized to put Gorges in possession of the premises.

The earliest notice of Thomson's being in New England is in Winslow's "Good News," published in 1614. In describing events, apparently in the summer of 1622, he says: "At the same time, Captain Standish, being formerly employed by the Governor to buy provisions for the refreshing of the Colony, returned with the same, accompanied with one Mr. David Tomson, a Scotchman, who also that spring began a plantation twenty-five leagues North-east from us, near Smith's Isles, at a place called Pascatoquack, where he liketh well."

Winslow, in his "Good News," says that Thomson began his plantation in the "spring" of 1623. The "Jonathan" would, no doubt, be fitted out by her owners for fishing upon the coast of New England, after having landed her freight at Piscataqua River; such general intention being expressed in the indenture, by an agreement that they might pursue that business, independently of Thomson, if he did not choose to bear part of the charge. As it was always desirable to reach the fishing grounds early, by the 1st of March certainly, for the first season of New England fishing, the vessel would be likely to sail as early as January.\*

Every thing therefore combines to make it historically certain that Thomson came over according to the agreement made in this indenture. To these considerations it may be added, that the theory which has existed for nearly a hundred years, that Thomson came over in the employment of the Laconia Company,—a theory promulgated by the accomplished Belknap,—has no foundation in truth, and had been exploded before the discovery of this Thomson indenture. Thomson had removed from Piscataqua to Massachusetts Bay, and had died there, before the Laconia Company was in existence. Belknap undoubtedly adopted this theory as an inference from some passages in Hubbard's History of New England. Historical facts seem often

Governor Bradford, in speaking of Weston's Colony, under date of 1623, says, "There were also this year some scattering beginnings made in other places, as at Paskataway, by Mr. David Thomson, at Monhigen, and some other places, by sundry others." Bradford also speaks of the arrival of Gorges in the Bay of Massachusetts, about the middle of September, 1623; of his coming to Plymouth, and of his dealings with Weston; finally, of his returning from the eastward "towards the spring" at which time he visited Thomson, as we learn from Christopher Levett, and restoring to Weston his vessel which he had taken from him. Christopher Levett, who came over here in 1623, returning next year, says: "The next place I came unto was Pannaway, where one M. Tomson hath made a plantation. There I stayed about one month. . . . At this place I met with the Governor (Gorges) who came thither in a bark which he had from one M. Weston, about twenty days before I arrived in the land. The Governor told me that I was joined with him in commission as a counsellor, which being read I found it was so. And he then, in the presence of three more of the Council, administered unto me an oath." Bradford says that Admiral West, Levett, and the Governor of Plymouth, for the time being, were named in Gorges's commission as his Council; but Gorges had power "to choose such other as he should find fit." West at this time had left New England, and Governor Bradford does not appear to have been present at Piscataqua, so that Gorges must have availed himself of his privilege to elect others to fill those vacancies. It has been said that Governor Gorges at this time organized his government for all New England. The administering of the oath to Levett was all that appears to have been done here. He had organized his government before going to Piscataqua, so far as to call a meeting of the assistants at Plymouth, and to order the arrest and trial of Weston; and soon after, on his return to Massachusetts, to issue his warrant for his second arrest, and for the seizure of his vessel. "At the time I stayed with M. Tomson," says Levett, "I surveyed as much as possible I could, the weather being unseasonable and very much snow." This was in the winter of 1623-24. Levett's book was published in 1623.

In the summer of 1623, Weston was cast away on the eastern coast, and, being stripped of his clothes by the Indians, "got to Pascataquack and borrowed a suit of clothes, and got means to come to Plymouth," says Bradford. Phineas Pratt also visited Thomson some time during this year, after Weston's colony had been dispersed that spring. His narrative was published only a few years ago, in 1856.

\* Captain John Smith says that March, April, and May, and September, October, and November, are the months for New England fishing; June and July for fishing at Newfoundland. Ambrose Gibbons, in his letter to the Laconia proprietors, 13 July, 1638, says that the ships must be sure "to be at their fishing places the beginning of February." (A Description of N. E., pp. 17, 18; Provincial Papers relating to N. H., 1.81.)

to have lain, in Hubbard's mind, in a loose and chaotic form; yet he appears to have come somewhere near the truth, when he says, "In the year 1623, some merchants about Plymouth and the west of England sent over Mr. David Tomson, a Scotchman, to begin a Plantation about Piscataqua," &c. But in another part of his History, in his indefinite and generalizing way, he says:—

"Some merchants and other gentlemen in the west of England, belonging to the cities of Exeter, Bristol, and Shrewsbury, and towns of Plymouth, Dorchester, &c., . . . having obtained patents for several parts of the country of New England, . . . made some attempt of beginning a plantation in some place about Pascataqua River, about the year 1623. . . . They sent over that year one Mr. David Thomson, with Mr. Edward Hilton and his brother, Mr. William Hilton, who had been fishmongers in London, with some others, that came along with them, furnished with necessaries for carrying on a plantation there. Possibly some others might be sent after them in the years following, 1624 and 1625; some of whom first, in probability, seized upon a place called the Little Harbor, on the west side of Pascataqua River, toward, or at, the mouth thereof; the Hiltons, in the meanwhile, setting up their stages higher up the river, toward the northwest, at or about a place since called Dover. But at that place called the Little Harbor, it is supposed, was the first house set up that was built in those parts. . . . Sir Ferdinando Gorges and Captain John Mason might have a principal hand in carrying on that design, but were not the sole proprietors therein," &c. (pp. 105, 214, 215.)

He then cites the grant of the Council, of 3 November, 1631, to certain persons now known to have been associates in the "Company of Laconia;" who, the year before, soon after that company had been formed, sent over Captain Neal as Governor. And then he proceeds to speak of the Shrewsbury proprietors, who had employed Captain Wiggin to carry on the settlement begun by the Hiltons.

In this half-conjectural way Hubbard seems here to group together certain persons in England, some of whom are now well known as having been associated in 1630 and 1631, and a few years following, in the Company of Laconia; and others who about that same period became interested in the Hilton patent, and to make them instrumental in beginning, and carrying on for the first decade of years, the plantations on the Piscataqua River; whereas there is no evidence that any one of these persons (if we except Thomson's three partners of Plymouth) had any hand in the beginning of the enterprise, or became interested till at a later period, when some of their names appear.

Dr. Belknap, who used and cites Hubbard's MS., placed too much reliance on these passages in that History, and was therefore led into the error which he has handed down. He knew of the grant to Mason and Gorges of 10 August, 1622, embracing the territory between the Merrimack and Sagadahoc. He also knew that those two persons and others were members of the Company of Laconia. Relying on Hubbard's statement above cited, he concluded that the grant of 1622 was the Laconia grant, and that the associates, under the name of the Company of Laconia, began the settlements at Little Harbor and Hilton's Point, in 1623, "in two divisions."\* We now know that this company had no interest in the settlement at Hilton's Point, afterwards Dover; that it came into existence at a later period, some years after both these settlements on Piscataqua River had been begun; and that the merchants of Shrewsbury and Bristol also now appear for the first time as purchasers in the Hilton patent of 12 March, 1629-30.†

What assistance the Hiltons may have received from private sources, or who rendered such assistance, if any was granted, we know not. This patent is to Edward Hilton himself, reciting that he and his associates had at "their own proper costs and charges transported sundry servants to plant in New England."‡ This shows that he was the principal person who began and carried on the settlement up to that time. No one of these prominent persons in London or elsewhere is named in it, as they would certainly have been, if they had been his associates. He, however, soon afterwards sold out his patent, or the greater part of it, and these purchasers subsequently sold to others and then we begin to hear of the Bristol men and the men of Shrewsbury, mentioned by Hubbard, and the Lords Say and Brook and their associates. But whatever obscurity

\* John Josselyn, who picked up many things in the country by heresay, and jotted them down in his narrative in a form not always exact, confines the Laconia grant to Gorges alone (p. 199). He also makes a strange confusion of grants in saying that "the Province of Maine or the country of the Traquois (Iroquois), heretofore called Laconia or New Somersetshire, is a colony belonging to the grandson of Sir Ferdinando Gorges," &c. (p. 197). That the province of Laconia ("so called," says the younger Gorges, "by reason of the great lakes therein") was located in the neighborhood of the great lake or lakes of the Iroquois, supposed to lead up from the rivers Merrimack and Sagadahoc, with privileges for the establishing of depots on the coast, was true. Josselyn, however, got the notion that this province was included within the province of Maine, from the narrative of the younger Gorges (p. 48), who had his own claims to establish. The "Laconia" grant, in which the name first appears, was issued 17 November, 1622; that of "New Somersetshire" was Sir F. Gorges's division of 1635, between the Piscataqua and Sagadahoc, afterwards enlarged, as to its interior boundary, and confirmed by the charter of the Province of Maine, 8 April, 1639. The name "Laconia" nowhere appears in the history of Maine or New Hampshire before the grant of 17 November, 1622, above mentioned, was issued.

† Belknap's N. H., I. 8, 9, 32; Hubbard 217, 221. The grant of 10 August, 1622, to Gorges and Mason, which the proprietors intended to call the Province of Maine, appears to have been a dead-letter; at least the patentees never made any use of it, and the Council made other grants, covering the same territory, as if it never had an existence. The Council Records are silent as to the issue of such a grant, and it was wholly disregarded in the grand division of 1623.

‡ N. E. Hist. and Geneal. Reg., XXIV., 264, 265.

may hang over the history of the beginning of the Hilton settlement, we now know under what circumstances Thomson began his enterprise at Little Harbor.

What led Thomson to fix his mind upon Piscataqua River as a place of settlement, we are not told. The selection must have been made before he embarked. Whether his original patent from the Council, of 16 October, 1622, recited in the indenture, in any manner located the grant of six thousand acres, we are equally ignorant. Among some imperfect memoranda which I saw in the Public Record Office in London, drawn up about the time of the Restoration, and entitled "A catalogue of such patents as I know granted for making plantations in New England," is this: "1622. A Patent to David Thompson, M. Jobe, M. Sherwood, of Plymouth, for a pt of Piscatawa River in New England."\*

This can hardly refer to Thomson's patent above cited, as that appears to have been issued to himself alone. It may refer to some earlier project of Thomson's never perfected. The Records of the Council for New England throw no light upon it. If the memorandum can be trusted, it shows that Thomson had knowledge of, and plans relating to, the Piscataway River, some time before he came to New England.

In this indenture, it will be seen that Thomson and his men are "to find out some fit place or places there"—that is, in New England—"for the choice of the said six thousand acres of land, according to the intent of the grant aforesaid." We may not know the precise tenor of the grant to Thomson; but no location or limitation is recited in the indenture before us. By this it appears that Thomson had actually granted one-fourth part of an island, and had covenanted to convey one-fourth part of the six thousand acres to be selected. We may, however, well believe that the six thousand acres to be selected were named in that part of the indenture in possession of Thomson's associates, to be taken up somewhere on the Piscataqua River, inasmuch as some evidence existed, or was supposed to exist, among the families of Thomson's partners, or their descendants in Plymouth, England, at a later period, of claims to land where he settled. This appears in a postscript to a letter of Cotton Mather to George Vaughan, dated 3 March, 1708, in which he says: "When my parent lay at Plymouth, bound for New England, on March 24, 1691-2, Mr. Sherwell, a minister then living there, told him that his grandfather and one Mr. Coleman (Colmer) and another had a patent for that which Mr. Mason pretended unto at Pascataqua. You may do well to enquire further concerning it."†

\* These memoranda are printed in the "Popham Memorial" volume, App. 124.

†Belknap's N. H., III, 340.

If we had any good grounds for supposing that the covenants in the indenture had been consummated and the proportion of land agreed upon actually conveyed, this reference would seem more naturally to point to such an instrument of conveyance. It is not improbable that the island named was more definitely described also in the counterpart to this indenture specifying Thomson's covenants, which are said to be "more plainly and at large" set forth there.

After the landing of himself and his men, and locating his grant, Thomson was to proceed to "build some houses or buildings for habitation, on which they are to begin with as much expedition as may be."

If this agreement between Thomson and his partners reveals the whole strength of material for building up this colony in the wilderness, his resources at the commencement of the enterprise must have been small. Four men were to go over with Thomson in the "Jonathan," and three more were to be provided that year. Nothing is said about wives or families, and nothing definite as to how the future supplies necessary for the plantation shall be provided, or the extent to the provision to be made; only that each shall bear his share of the expenses according to the contract, and receive his share of the land and profits at the end of five years, when accounts are to be rendered and a final settlement made. Whether Thomson could employ resources of his own, if he had any, outside of this agreement, we do not know. The Records of the "Council for New England," already cited, under date of 3 December, 1622, eleven days before this indenture was signed, say: "Mr. Thomson propoundeth to have order from the Council for transportation of 10 persons with the provisions for New England. And the persons so transported to pay the Council the usual rate for their transportation, after the expiration of two years." No further notice in the Records is taken of this proposition, and probably nothing came of it.

Thompson continued to live at Piscataqua till 1626; at least, he is referred to by Bradford as living there then, and as having entered into competition with the Plymouth people in buying some useful goods sold at Monhegan, at the breaking up of a temporary fishing settlement there. In a petition of his son John in 1648, he says that his father in and about the year 1626 took possession of the island in Boston Harbor bearing his name, and there erected a habitation.\* So he seems to have lived at Piscataqua three years at least; but the glimpses of him during that time are very infrequent. We hear of him the first year he came a number of times. He visited Plymouth once in the summer of 1623, when Standish returned from an expe-

\*Mass. Col. Rec., III, 129, 130.

dition in search of food for the colony. What a grateful service Winslow would have rendered us, if he had given us some account of Thomson's settlement, which perhaps Standish had visited! But we know not the name of a single person that composed that settlement except Thompson himself and his wife. He died, as is supposed, "about 1628," leaving a wife and an infant son.

Hubbard—alas! the only authority—says that the Hiltons came over with Thomson; and it has been supposed that Hubbard was acquainted with the Hiltons, and had an opportunity of informing himself. But he sadly errs respecting William Hilton, at least; and we find no mention of the name of either of the brothers in connection with the ship "Jonathan," in which Thomson came. Edward might have come over on his own account, either in this ship or in the "Providence," soon to follow. He would hardly have come as one of Thomson's men.

The first authentic information of Edward Hilton's presence here is given by Bradford, who says he contributed, in 1628, £1 toward the Thomas Morton affair. The various patents issued by the Council for New England furnish much valuable and exact information as to the steps already taken, or what was intended to be done by the patentees, toward the settlement of the places or territory granted. Of course, all this information would be furnished by the petitioner to his counsel, who drew up the original application; and the statement would be likely to be drawn as favorably as the facts would warrant. Where applicants for a grant had been living a number of years, more or less, on the spot, or in the country, such term of residence was usually cited as a consideration in the patent. In the grant to Walter Bagnall, it was said that he had lived in New England "for the space of 7 years." John Stratton "had lived in New England these 3 years last past," &c. Aldworth and Elbridge had, by their servants, "inhabited for the space of three years last past." In the patent to Vines and Oldham, on Saco River, it is said that Oldham and his servants have for these six years now last past lived in New England aforesaid." Oldham had been at Plymouth. In the patent to Thomas Cammock, and in that to Richard Bradshaw, it is recited that they had been living there "some years before."

The following is the language used in Hilton's patent: "For and in consideration that Edward Hilton and his associates hath already, at his and their owne proper costs and charges, transported sundry servants to plant in New England aforesaid, at a place there called by the natives Wecanacohunt, otherwise Hilton's Point, . . . and for that he doth further intend . . . to transport thither more people and cattle." This is hardly the language that would be used if Hilton



had been on the spot seven or any considerable number of years, and is of the same general import as that in the grant to the Laconia associates, 3 November, 1631, after they had been a year or two in operation.

William Hilton came to Plymouth in 1621, in the "Fortune"; his wife and two children came in 1623, in the "Anne." By 1627 they had left, and, if his brother Edward was then living at Dover, it would be natural to suppose that he joined him; but, though he is subsequently found in that neighborhood, I believe he can not be traced as having lived either at Dover Neck or at Cocheco. Neither his name nor that of Edward is affixed to the "Dover Combination," of 20 October, 1640.

We have no means of knowing any of the circumstances attending the abandonment of the Little Harbor plantation by Thomson. Hubbard says his removal was "out of dislike either to the place or his employers."\* Whether his Plymouth partners had previously withdrawn, or whether they yet continued their interest; and whether any of Thomson's men still kept the settlement alive till the arrival of Neal and Gibbons, and others, in 1630, for the Laconia associates, are matters yet uncertain. That there was a settlement somewhere at "Pascataquack," besides Hilton's, in 1628, appears by the contribution paid that year toward the charge of expelling Thomas Morton from Merry Mount. Of course this was a voluntary contribution, and not a proportionate levy. The amount subscribed at Plymouth was but a small part of her charge. "It cost us a great deal more," says Bradford. They collected what they could. We know of no other settlement on the river at this date, except that of Edward Hilton, who also contributed, and it seems reasonable to believe that Little Harbor was intended by "Pascataquack."† Prince had some evidence that in the year 1629 the inhabitants on Piscataqua River entered into a combination for erecting a government among themselves; but it was of "uncertain authority," and he placed but little confidence in it.

Uniform tradition appears to have designated Little Harbor, or a point of land now called Odiorne's Point, on the west side of Piscataqua River, at its mouth, as the spot on which Thomson first settled. This is confirmed by Hubbard, so far as to naming "Little Harbor" as the place. Little Harbor takes its name from the body of water on the south side of the "Great Island," and north of the peninsula of which Odiorne's Point forms a part. This peninsula, consisting of about five hundred acres of land, is now included in the town of

\*With his usual want of accuracy, Hubbard says that Thomson removed down into Massachusetts Bay within a year after his landing at Little Harbor. (p. 105).

† I Mass. Hist. Coll. III, 68. The contribution was the same as that of Plymouth, £2 10s. The solitary Blaxton contributed 12s.

Rye. "Odiorne's Point" is a comparatively modern designation. A family of the name of Odiorne has for a number of generations lived on the peninsula. From the records of New Hampshire, under the date of 1704 and 1705, it seems then to have borne the name of "Rendezvous Point." At the time of the celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the settlement of New Hampshire, in 1823, more than fifty years ago, the knowledge and traditions which then existed relating to this spot were brought together, and were well summarized in Adam's *Annals of Portsmouth*, pp. 9-11, published two years afterward.

This region was early, and for many years continued to be, called Pascataway, or Piscataqua,—the name of the river covering all the settlements upon it. Christopher Levett apparently gives the name of "Pannaway" to Thomson's place,—a name not preserved. Had he not soon after spoken of "a great river and a good harbor called Pascataway," "about two English miles further to the east," I should not hesitate to say that "Pannaway" was a missprint for Piscataway. As the places on both sides of the river bore the same name it may have caused some confusion in his mind, or he may have made a clerical error in first entering the name in his journal.\*

Belknap says that "Little Harbor" was so called by the first settlers. I find no confirmation of this statement. In all the letters and documents now preserved, relating to the Company of Laconia, "Little Harbor" is not mentioned. Their three houses (or factories or trading posts) are described as being at Piscataqua (Little Harbor), Strawberry Bank, and Newichewanick; though "Piscataqua," as I have already said, continued to be used to embrace all the places on the river.† In an interesting map of the "Province of Mayne and Mason's patent," recently published in a volume of "Original Documents" relating to New Hampshire, by John S. Jenness, Esq.,—supposed to have been drawn about the year 1655,—the name "Little Harbor" is given to the spot on which Thomson is supposed to have first settled.

Hubbard says that at "the Little Harbor, it is supposed, was the first house set up, that ever was built in those parts; the chimney and some part of the stone wall is standing at this day (1680), and certainly was it which was called then, or soon after, Mason Hall, because to it was annexed three or four thousand acres of land, with intention to erect a Manor or Lordship there, according to the custom of England; for by consent of the rest of the undertakers, in some after division, that parcel of land fell to his share; and it is men-

\*See Coll. Maine Hist. Soc., II, 79, 80.

†See Provincial Papers relating to N. H., pp. 61-117.

tioned as his propriety in his last will and testament, by the name of Mason Hall.”\*

By the first “house,” subsequent writers have supposed that the first habitation was intended, and that a large mansion was built by Thomson on his landing; the same that was subsequently occupied by Neal in 1630, and known as “Mason Hall.” Hubbard gives countenance to this idea, so far as to say that “the agents of Sir Ferdinando Gorges and Captain Mason, with the rest, had by their order built an house, and done something also about salt-works, some time before the year 1630.” Hubbard infers the agency of Gorges and Mason, from the mention of a house and salt-works as already on the place, in the indenture, above cited, of 3 November, 1631. There seems to be some evidence that the agents of the Company of Laconia occupied a house at Piscataqua, that had been built before they came over. In a deposition of William Seavy, aged about seventy-five years, in 1676, he says he came over to the Isle of Shoals upon a fishing account, about a year before Neal left the country (in 1633); and he was credibly informed that Neal, when he came over in 1630, “lived in a house in Little Harbour, of Piscataqua, which by common report was formerly built by some merchants, &c., of Plymouth, in England.” Also, in a recital made by the Council of New Hampshire, in 1681, consisting of Richard Waldern, President, and others, who were opposed to Mason’s claim, they say that “the vast expanse of estate,” as claimed to have been made by John Mason, in the settlement of New Hampshire, “is mostly, if not merely, a pretence. *An house was hired in this province*, but the disbursements laid out were chiefly in the neighboring Province of Meyn, on the other side of the river, and for carrying on an Indian trade in Laconia, in all which his grandfather was but a partner, however he would appear amongst us as sole proprietor.” †

That Thomson during his three years’ residence at Little Harbor by assistance of his partners, built a large house there, and left it when he went to Massachusetts Bay, is certainly possible.‡ But that

\* History of New England, 214, 215.

† Jenness’s Original Documents, pp. 10, 62, 63, 100.

‡ A reference to Captain Mason’s house at Little Harbor, once occupied by Neal, is found in a deposition by Major Robert Pike, aged about eighty-eight years, in 1704. He testifieth and saith that he was well acquainted with Capt. Walter Neal, Mr. Henry Josselyn, Capt. Francis Norton, Mr. Sampson Lane, when they lived at Piscataqua above fifty or sixty years past, at which time they lived at Piscataqua in the right of Captain John Mason, and were agents (as was reported commonly) for him or his heirs, and that Capt. Neal lived in the Stone house at the mouth of Piscataqua river, of late called Little Harbor, and was always called Capt. Mason’s Stone house; and that some time since one Mr. Gee lived in said house in the right of Capt. Mason, and that afterwards Joseph Mason, agent for Mrs. Ann Mason, widow of said Capt. Mason, lived at said house, at the mouth of the river aforesaid, in right of said Mrs. Ann Mason, aforesaid, and that this Deponent lodged one night in said house with said Mr. Joseph Mason, he being employed by said Joseph Mason to assist him in Mr. Mason’s affairs, above fifty years past,” &c. (Prov. Papers relating to N. H., Vol. II. 530, 331.) Major Robert Pike was, no doubt, a most respectable person, and would testify to the best of his knowledge and belief; and there

Thomson or any one after him, built a house there, known as "Mason Hall," is extremely improbable. Hubbard evidently got his notion of "Mason Hall" from Mason's will, made shortly before his death, in which he designates his whole grant of New Hampshire as, "my county of New Hampshire, or Mason Hall"; or, in another place, "my county of New Hampshire, or Mannor of Mason Hall." He seems, in one part of this instrument, to bequeath to his grandchild, Robert Tufton, "my mannor of Mason Hall," as though it was some estate well known within his grant; and then, after other bequests, all the residue to John Tufton. If any special place is here intended, there are no means of locating it by the description, as the name is not found in any contemporary letter or document, as applied to any special house or domain.

About the year 1679, Robert Tufton Mason—who succeeded as heir on the death of his brother John—presented one of his many cases to prove his title to New Hampshire. He recites that his ancestor erected a fort on Great Island, "and mounted it with ten guns for the defence of the said island and river, and also, *within the said river, at a place now called Portsmouth*, he built diverse good houses, whereof one was a very fair and large house of stone and timber, and by him called Mason Hall, encompassed by a ditch and strong pallisade," &c., and with above one thousand acres of improved meadow ground.\*

Is no reason to question his statement that he lodged one night with Joseph Mason in a house at Little Harbor. But he could not have been acquainted with Capt. Walter Neal, as Neal left the country two years before Pike came over here. What he says about Neal was from hearsay; and the most distant period of which he deposes, "sixty years," would take him back only to 1644, long after Henry Josselyn had left Piscataqua.

\* Jenness's Original Documents, pp. 77, 78.

No more untrustworthy sources of information relative to the early settlement of New Hampshire can well be found than the various petitions and "cases" set forth by and in behalf of Robert Tufton Mason, respecting his claim to this territory. Of course he had to rely for information mostly on private testimony and tradition, as he was but a child when his grandfather died; and, besides, he had a "case" to make out. Even the dates to the several grants of land to John Mason, which his counsel had means to verify, are frequently wrong, and what was done under them was often strangely misstated. In a paper drawn up about the year 1679, we read "that in the year 1622 the said John Mason did send over several servants and passengers to be tenants, with store of cattle, provisions, and necessaries, unto his lands at Cape Ann, did build sundry houses and set up the trade of fishery upon that coast, and employed for his steward there Ambrose Gibbons, gentleman, who continued there until the year 1630, at which time the Massachusetts colony violently seized upon that part of the province, stretching their bounds three miles to the northward of Merrimack River, and turned the servants and tenants of the said John Mason out of their possessions, under a pretence of charter from his late Majesty, King Charles, in 1628." It would be difficult to find elsewhere in so small a space, except among Robert Mason's own papers, so many errors as are contained in this extract.

Probably with equal truth it is said, in a paper drawn up in 1675, that John Mason, after being at Newfoundland about two years, "received orders from his Majesty to visit that part of America now called New England, who, together with Sir Ferdinando Gorges, made a voyage along that coast, in Anno 1619, and at their return for England gave his Majesty a satisfactory account both of their voyage and country." The statement that John Mason spent "upwards of twenty thousand pounds" towards the affairs of New England is probably of a piece with some of his other allegations. This would be equivalent to five times that sum to-day. It is not probable that he spent a fourth part of it, or that he ever had such a sum at his disposal. Mason's principal expenditure over here was as a partner in the Laconia Company, of which he was one of some ten associates. After the division of

Now the house thus described was that called the "Great House," at Strawberry Bank, said to have been built by Chadbourne, in 1631. This, of the three houses (*houses* as distinguished from more humble dwellings) in possession of the Company of Laconia, was the most noted in the history of the Piscataqua settlement. It stood for a long time, and was occupied by some well-known persons. This had the best claim to be called a Manor House; and if this were thus designated, the one built at Little Harbor could hardly have borne the name. Probably the name was never applied to either.\*

The precise time of Thomson's death is not known. From the petition of his son John to the General Court of Massachusetts, in 1648, he says that his father, in or about the year 1626, took possession of the island bearing his name, built a habitation there, and died soon after, leaving his son an infant; "who," says the record, "so soon as he came to age, did make his claim formerly, and now again, by his said petition, to this Court," who granted the island to him and his heirs for ever.

Samuel Maverick added his testimony as to the year 1626;† and Johnson says that Thomson assisted Maverick in building a fort upon Noddle's Island. Among the contributors to the expenses of capturing and removing Thomas Morton, of Merry Mount, in 1628, the name of "Mrs. Thomson" appears. So that we may infer that her husband was dead at the time she subscribed. I know of no other data. Savage says he died "about 1628."

I incline to the opinion that John Thomson, the son, was born at Little Harbor, and was brought an infant, to his new home on the island. My reasons are these: David Thomson was living at Piscataqua in 1626, and joined the Plymouth people in a trading voyage to Monhegan in the summer or autumn, as I infer from Bradford, of that year. So that if he left there that year, it must have been in the latter part of it. The year, as it was then calculated, began and ended in March. It was desirable to show that possession of the

1634, he sent over two mills, and some men to set them up on his own land, on the eastern or north-eastern side of the river (the Maine side). How largely he continued his expenditures from this time up to the time of his death, we have no means of knowing. They were probably inconsiderable. In 1634, he wrote to Gibbons: "I have disbursed a great deal of money in the plantation, and never received one penny; but hope, if there were a discovery of the lakes, that I should in some reasonable time be reimbursed again." Hubbard (p. 226) says that Mason had no opportunity "to send over the seventy families, which some to this day affirm he engaged to do." See Jenness's *Original Documents*, pp. 55, 57; *Prov. Papers of N. H.*, I, 522.

\*In October, 1637, Vines, Josselyn, and Wanerton, as agents of some of the Laconia associates, granted to Francis Matthews "all that parcel or portion of lands in Piscataway River, lying upon the northwest side of the Great Island, commonly called Musquito Hall, being a neck of land by estimation one hundred acres or thereabouts." The location of this grant was in the Great Island itself, the present town of New Castle; and it was reconveyed in 1666 and in 1684, under the same name. (See *Provincial Papers* relating to N. H., I, 98, 99; N. H. Hist. Soc. Coll., VIII, 120, 122.) At this day, a spot a few rods northwest of the present "Wentworth" hotel is called "Musquito Hall," though this must be some distance from the location of the grant.

† Blake's "Annals of the Town of Dorchester," p. 81.

island was taken at as early a period as the facts would warrant; and the son says that it was "in or about the year 1626." In the record of the Court above cited, May, 1648, it is said that John Thomson made his claim "so soon as he became of age," and it says also that he "did make his claim *formerly*,"—that is, some time previously,—"*and now again*." The Court would not be likely to yield to such a petition without serious consideration, attended with delay. They were jealous of claims not based on their own grants, and the island had thirteen years before been granted to the town of Dorchester. If his first petition, the exact date of which is wanting, had been made only two years before the present petition, it would give 1625 as the year he was born.

In the year 1650, some curious depositions were made concerning Thomson's Island. William Trevore testified that the island was formerly called "Island of Trevour," which he took possession of in 1619, "and declared the same, as the effect of my proceedings, to Mr. David Thomson, in London, on which information said Thomson obtained a grant and patten" of it. William Blaxton testified that he heard old Mr. Thomson affirm that he had a patent for the said island, and those that put hogs on it did it by his consent. Miles Standish testified "that in the year 1620 I came into this country, and I take it in the same year I was in the Massachusetts Bay with William Trevoyre, and then being upon the island lying near Dorchester, called the said island Island Trevoyre. . . Furthur, I can testify that David Thomson showed me a very ancient patent, and that Isle Thomson was in it, but the terms of it I cannot remember." The Sagamore of Aggawam testified that "in the year 1619, or thereabouts," he went himself with Mr. David Thomson, and took possession of the island before Dorchester, &c.\*

William Trevore, who seems to have forgotten the year he arrived in New England, came over in the "Mayflower" in 1620, as a seaman, hired to stay in the country one year. He then went back, but subsequently made voyages to Massachusetts. The first visit the Pilgrims made to Boston Harbor was in September, 1621, and Standish was of the party, and Trevore may have been of the number. That is the earliest period at which Standish and he could have been together on Thomson's Island. Trevore may then, on his return, have given the information to Thomson to which he refers, which led to his procuring a grant of the island from the Council of New England. Blaxton's testimony is interesting, as showing his acquaintance with Thomson, while the former was the solitary resident of Shawmut. It shows also that Thomson claimed the island under a grant from the Council. The Massachusetts Colony would

\* See N. E. Hist. and Geneal. Reg., IX. 248.

not probably have acknowledged such a claim, but would be disposed to regard his early residence and possession as entitling his son, through him, to consideration, as they did in the case of Blaxton. The memory of the old "Sagamore of Aggawam" quite deserts him in the matter of dates.

If Thomson's Island was that named in this indenture, of which he had granted one-fourth part to his partners, it might be asked whether Thomson may not have removed to it for the purpose of taking possession and creating a habitation with a view to its future cultivation and the pursuit of his business there, agreeably to the terms of his indenture, and without intending to abandon his interest at Little Harbor. We have no facts or data on which to indulge in such speculations, except Hubbard's statement that he left there out of dislike of the place or his employers. We hear of no claims made by his heir to the estate at Piscataqua, subsequently taken possession of by the Company of Laconia, and none by his late partners to that or to the island. No provision seems to have been made in this indenture, in case of the death of Thomson before the five years should be ended.\*

To recur once more to the settlement of Piscataqua: The general reader of the history of New Hampshire will be surprised to learn the length of time that elapsed after the first settlements were there made before the name "New Hampshire" was applied to the place. The patent of 7 November, 1629, to Mason, in which it appears that the proprietor intended to call the territory granted "New Hampshire" seems to have been—like the previous grant to him of Mariana, and that to himself and Gorges in the same year—of no practical significance, and would scarcely have been heard of again, had it not been cited in the claims set forth by the heir to Mason's estate after the Restoration. No use was ever made of it by the proprietor.† After the issuing of the Laconia grant, ten days later, 17 November, 1629, active measures were entered upon; everything being done under the name of the "Company of Laconia," an unincorporated association of persons whose head-quarters were in London, who afterwards, 3 November, 1631, procured from the Council a new grant of lands on both sides the Piscataqua River,—the former grant

\*Hubbard says that Thomson "possessed himself of a very fruitful island and a very desirable neck of land" in Massachusetts Bay, "since confirmed to him or his heirs by the Court of Massachusetts, upon the surrender of all his other interest in New England, to which yet he could pretend no other title than a promise, or a gift to be conferred on him, in a letter by Sir Ferdinando Gorges, or some other member of the Council of Plymouth." Hubbard evidently supposed that Thomson had claims to other lands in New England, which he or his heirs surrendered on receiving a confirmation of the Island. The records are silent as to this.

†Sir William Jones, the Attorney-General, in an opinion on Mason and Gorges's claims, in 1676, says of each of these patents that "the grant was only sealed with the council seal, unwitnessed, no seizen indorsed, nor possession ever given with the grant." (Hutchinson, I. 316.)

being one of indefinite and uncertain franchises. In a few years, this company broke up, and the servants were discharged; the whole scheme proving a failure. On a division of some of the company's property, Mason bought the shares of two of his associates, and sent over a new supply of men, and set up two saw-mills upon his own share of lands.\* Shortly before the surrender to the King of the Grand Patent, Mason procured for himself the grant of 22 April, 1685,† between Naumkeag and Piscataqua, in which it was recited that the lands embraced in it, "with the consent of the Council shall from henceforth be called New Hampshire." Mason died before the close of that year; and Mrs. Mason, his executrix, committed the management of the estate to her agent, Francis Norton. But the expense exceeded the income. The servants were clamorous for their arrears of wages, so she was compelled to abandon them to shift for themselves.‡ In a few years, the several communities there, including those that the Laconia Company had no hand in settling, being destitute of a proper government, placed themselves under the protecting care of the Massachusetts. Subsequently, Mrs. Mason sent over her agent, Joseph Mason, to look after her late husband's interest; and he presented a number of petitions to the Massachusetts government, and brought suits in the Massachusetts courts, in Mrs. Mason's behalf.

During the whole period which I have here gone over, in all the letters and documents of the time, "New Hampshire," as an accepted name for this territory, so far as I have observed, never is used. In a letter from the selectmen of Dover to the Council in Massachusetts, dated 20 July, 1665, after the disaffection caused by the arrival of the king's commissioners, they speak of a petition there to his majesty, presented by the hands of Abraham Corbet, "for the inhabitants of New Hampshire, as they called it."§ In a deposition of several aged persons, including Edward Colcord, taken at Piscataqua, 25 August, 1676, they make oath and affirm "that Captain John Mason did never settle any government nor any people upon any land called the province of New Hampshire, on the south side of Piscataqua River, either by himself, or any of his agents to this day."|| In an humble petition of Joseph Mason, the agent of the executrix, to Massachusetts, in May, 1653, he makes no other claim

\*See all the correspondence extant relating to the Laconia Company in the Provincial Papers relating to N. H., 1, 81 et seq.; and a complete copy of the grant of 3 November, 1681, in Jenness's Original Documents, pp. 8-14.

†The grants which were made, or pretended to be made, in 1635, were the efforts of a number of the members of the Council to secure some part of the dying interest to themselves and posterity, in which they all failed." (Hutchinson, 1. 316.)

‡See Belknap's N. H., 1. 89.

§The italics are mine.

||Original Documents relating to N. H., edited by John S. Jennés, p. 62.



than to the Laconia interest. Nothing is said about other grants, and nothing about "New Hampshire." In a statement of Robert Mason's claim in 1674-5, reference is made to John Mason's various franchises, "afterwards enlarged" and "*now called New Hampshire.*" Were it not for the accidental circumstance of the prosecution of this claim, thus bringing forward a name used in John Mason's patent, it is not improbable that New Hampshire would have rejoiced to-day in the old euphonious Indian name of "Piscataqua." By the appointment of a commission for the government of the territory as a royal province, in 1679, the name "New Hampshire" became fixed upon the place.

It would probably be doing no injustice to history to say that the recognition of Robert Mason's claim to the territory of New Hampshire, fostered by a government unfriendly to the liberties of its subjects, was one of the greatest misfortunes that could have befallen the settlers on the soil. It was a prolific source of annoyance, which continued for over a century.

To go back once more to the Laconia Company, in which the original Mason was an influential partner: The whole history of their proceedings shows that they never intended to plant a colony in any sense analogous to those communities which sprung up elsewhere in New England. It was chiefly a trading and fishing company; an experiment, inspired by adventure and speculation. The intended basis of its operations was the great lakes, which seem never to have been discovered, and its greatest reliance to the peltry trade. The cultivation of the soil, the proper foundation of all such enterprises, was regarded as of secondary importance. The non-residence of the proprietors, and the absence of any settled government, were serious drawbacks to the building up of an orderly community. The letters of their factor, Ambrose Gibbons, to the adventurers in London, were full of excellent advice and serious warnings. The interest of the settlers was not so much considered as the profitable returns; and, when these failed, the whole scheme failed. "You complain," says Gibbons, "of your returns. You take the course to have little;" think not "the great looks of men and many words will be a means to raise a plantation."\*

\* The Company of Laconia was probably formed soon after the Laconia patent of 17 November, 1629, was issued. It was an unincorporated association of less than a dozen persons, the most of whose names are mentioned in a second grant of lands on both sides the Piscataqua River, taken out for their benefit two years later, 3 November, 1631. Some of these associates, it appears, had previously been members of the "Canada Company," which, headed by Sir William Alexander, had undertaken the conquest of that province as a private enterprise, under the command of Sir David Kirke. The fur-trade of Canada was the inspiring motive, united to what might be acquired by conquest.

"Loaded with booty, and bringing Champlain himself as prisoner, the expedition returned triumphantly to England, November 6, 1629, only to learn that peace had been for several months restored, and that by the articles of the treaty all their hard-won conquests in the New World were required to be restored to France.

After Mason had secured his patent of 1635, he had fruitless visions of manors and quit-rent and fee-farm estates floating before his mind. In his last will, as we have already seen, he calls his whole grant on the Piscataqua "my county of New Hampshire, or Mannor of Mason Hall." He had then no charter of government, though he may have intended to procure one, as Gorges afterwards did for Maine.

"Among the most stirring members of the now sadly baffled Canada Company was one Thomas Eyre, a London merchant, who had acted as its Accountant and Treasurer. Thomas Wannerton, a notary public and merchant of London, George Griffith, another London merchant, as well as Captain John Mason and Sir Ferdinando Gorges, seems to have been interested in the Canada Company, and must have been chagrined at its disastrous issue.

"These men now inquired after some shorter and easier way of reaching the fur country that by the river of Canada, and one which might be used by the English without infringement of the late treaty . . .

"It was but ten days after the return of the Canada Co. Expedition that, accordingly, Sir Ferdinando Gorges and Captain John Mason took out for themselves and their associates a grant, dated November 17, 1629, of a large, vaguely bounded territory on the Iroquois Lake, named *Laconia*, and admitted as their associates in the patent, Thomas Eyre, Thomas Wannerton, John Cotton, Henry Gardner, George Griffith, Edwin Guy, and Kileser Eyre. The scheme of these patentees is apparent from the language of the grant itself. It was to send over cargoes of Indian truck-goods to the Piscataqua, and unlade them at the factories near the mouth of the river, and thence to transport them in boats or canoes up the Piscataqua to Lake Champlain, to be bartered there for peltries for exportation from the factories to Europe. For the better accommodation of this traffic, the Company were authorized to take up one thousand acres of land on the side of the Piscataqua River as a site for their factory; but they seem not to have availed themselves of this privilege, the territory at the mouth of the river being acquired by the adventurers under a subsequent patent."

The connection between the Canada Company and the *Laconia* Company, thus indicated, and the circumstances attending the formation of the latter, are well stated in a volume entitled "The Isles of Shoales, An Historical Sketch, by John Scribner Jenness, second edition," New York, 1875, pp. 58-69, written from information gathered from the public archives in London. The extracts above quoted are taken from that book.

David Kirke, while in the Canada waters, had probably heard of the treaty of peace of the 14th (24th N. S.) of April of that year, but he chose to ignore it, and of course the members of the Canada Company at home knew of it soon after it took place (the king's proclamation was dated 10 May, 1629); but no one knew what precise bearing it would have on the large interests, which the Company might have, to be effected by it. Charles, however, gave his word to the French minister that everything captured should be at once restored. This was a grievous blow to the Canada merchants, who had fitted out their fleet at a cost of £60,000; and they did not relinquish their property without a struggle. Kirks claimed that a larger part of the skins which he brought home had been obtained by trading with the Indians. In a London news-letter, dated 18 November, 1629, is the following: "Upon the French ambassador's great complaints against Kirke, for his action in Canada, the matter hath been debated in Council; and it is thought that, for the good of the peace, the place will be restored unto the French, although there is nothing as yet resolved about. Neither is there any order hitherto taken between the two States for the settling of the trade for the time to come, or the satisfying of the merchant's complaints for the time past." (The Court and Times of Charles the First, II. 43). The formal restoration of Quebec to France did not take place till the 5 July, 1632.

By an arbitration in Paris it was decided that the French government should pay £20,000 to Kirke as an indemnity for his loss, and the government pledged that sum, but not a penny was paid. By the treaty of peace, it was agreed between the two crowns that there should be no restitution for prizes taken on either side, before the date of the treaty, and no reprisals should be made for such captures. See "The First English Conquest of Canada," by Henry Kirke, M. A., London, 1871, pp. 63-68; Parkman's "Pioneers of France in the New World," pp. 401-411. See also the Treaty of Suze in Rymer, vol. xix. p. 88; and the Proclamation of Peace with France, dated May 10, 1629, in the same volume, p. 66.

The first vessel which the Company of *Laconia* despatched to Piscataqua was sent out from London the last of March, 1630, and by the 1st of June had arrived, with Walter Neal, governor, and Ambrose Gibbons, factor, and some others. In the following year, others were sent. At the end of three years, the principal associates became discouraged by the inadequate returns, and the alleged unfaithfulness of a master of one of the fishing-vessels; and in a letter to their factor, dated the 5th December, 1632, they say: "They have no desire to proceed any further, until Captain Neal come hither to confer with them, that by conference with him they may settle things in a better order. We have written unto Captain Neal to dismiss the household, only such as will or can live of themselves may stay upon our plantation, in such convenient place as Captain Neal, Mr. Godfrie, and you shall think fit; and,

Whatever his intentions may have been, without a radical change of policy and measures, he never would have succeeded in building up a colony on these shores. Death put an end to his schemes. New Hampshire has but little cause to cherish his memory; and he would probably have been forgotten but for the accidental revival of his name, by the claims of his heirs, who used them as an instrument to annoy and perplex the settlers on the soil, who had acquired a right to their homesteads and farms by long undisturbed possession.

after conference had here with Captain Neal, they shall have a reasonable quantity of land granted unto them by deed." See notes (A) (B).

These letters were not received until the 7 June following, and Captain Neal, being called home, left the colony 15 July, and sailed from Boston 8 August. According to instructions, the care of the house at Newichewanick was committed to Gibbons, that at Pascataway (Little Harbor) to Edward Godfre, and that at Strawberry Bank to Thomas Warnerton. Not long after the probable arrival of Neal in London, the company, on the 6 December, made a division of the land on the north-east side of the river (the document from which I quote says, clearly by mistake, the "north-west side"), and of the "swine" belonging to the company. They also "agreed that Pascataway house and the house at Strawberry Bank, and all the islands and islets within the river of Piscataway, together with all the land on the south-west side of the said river which is mentioned in the patent, as also the Isles of Shoals, and the house at Newichewanock, with the land thereunto belonging, shall remain in common until a division thereof hereafter to be made." The division of lands on the north-east side, made at this meeting, is referred to in a letter of Gorges and Mason to Warnerton and Gibbons, dated Portsmouth (England), 5 May, 1634, in which is enclosed a copy of the draft of the "lands and bounds agreed upon for every man's part;" and a further division of all the "movables" left in trust by Neal with Warnerton and Gibbons was also now directed to be made. It appears that Mason had now bought out the shares of John Cotton and his deceased brother, William Cotton, so that he and Gorges now owned together one-half of these effects, and of this one-half Mason owned three-fourths. (Mason also appears to have owned independently of the rest some cows and goats). The remaining one-half belonged to the other adventurers. Gorges and Mason directed their own shares to be paid over to Henry Joselynn, who now came over especially to look after Mr. Mason's interest. See note (C).

They each give notice that they have now sent over men to work upon their several divisions of land, that Mason had sent over two saw-mills, with people and provisions to set them up, and each had given authority to invite and "receive such others as may be had to be tenants, to plant and live there, for the more speedily peopling of the country." No encouragement was given that the other partners would adventure this year to the plantation, and we find no instructions from them as to the disposal to be made of the other half of the divided effects, or as to their future plans or intentions. Mason instructs Gibbons in his letter of 5 May, 1634, to discharge the servants, and all that are upon the company's charge, and to pay them off in beaver, about which he will hear more at large from the company. Gibbons replies to Mason's letter, under date of 6 August, saying that the servants had been paid their wages for the past year, but that he shall expect a "general letter" before paying them their old wages or dividing the goods, etc., or a further letter from him.

Although the adventurers as a body may not have made any further advances to the colony after their letter of 5 December, 1632, referred to above, still the company, as we have seen, was kept alive to a later period, for the purpose of winding up its affairs.

To what extent Mason pursued the business alone on the east side the river after the date of the letter of instructions of 5 May, 1634, we may not fully know, or whether any thing was done by him or by any other of the adventurers on the west side. I have seen no evidence of any division having been made of the land on the west side of the river. Hubbard, in speaking of Little Harbor, and the Manor to be erected there by Mason, says, "By consent of the rest of the undertakers, in some after division, that parcel of land fell to his share, and is mentioned in his last will and testament by the name of Mason Hall." Hubbard probably infers that it fell to Mason's share "by a division," because he mentions it in his will; whereas, in this instrument, Mason claims and wills, as his property, his whole grant of New Hampshire, of 22 April, 1635, which included the part mentioned by Hubbard. Mason died before the close of the year 1635. What course was taken by the late partners, or by the heirs of Mason, during the two following years, we have but few contemporary documents to inform us. In 1638, Mrs. Mason, the widow and executrix of the late John Mason, appointed Francis Norton her general attorney for her whole estate in those parts. "But," says Dr. Belknap, "the expense so far exceeded the income, and the servants grew so impatient for their arrears, that she was obliged to relinquish the care of the plantation, and tell the servants that they must shift for themselves; upon which they shared the goods and cattle." Charges were afterwards brought against her agents and servants for "embezzling the estate." Years afterward, the claims of Robert Mason brought out depositions of old people on both sides, from which some truth may be gleaned; but all such documents should be received with caution. In March, 1651, Mrs. Mason appointed Joseph Mason to come over and look after the estate of her late husband here; and in that same year he

In conclusion, let the reader of New Hampshire history bear in mind that that State was not founded by John Mason, nor by the Company of Laconia of which he was a member. A permanent settlement had already taken root into its soil before the bark "Warwick" first appeared in the Piscataqua waters.

(The indenture of David Thomson and his three partners of Plymouth, England, here follows):—

Articles of Covenantts Indentid made and agreed on; the foureteenth daye of December, in the twentieth yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereigne Lord James by the grace of god of England Fraunce and Ireland King Defender of the faith &c. And of Scotland the Sixe and

brought a successful suit in the Massachusetts courts against Richard Leader for encroaching upon the lands at Newichewanick. Two years later he presented a petition against sundry inhabitants of Strawberry Bank and others, for encroaching upon the property of the Laconia patent, "molesting our tenants, disposing of our lands and of our tenants' lands, which for sixteen years past was granted unto them by lease from the then agents of the proprietors;" and he prays for relief "in the behalf of Mlstrass Anne Mason and the rest of the proprietors." This would show that others of the Laconia proprietors still had an interest in the lands on the west side of the river. In all these claims made by Mrs. Mason, her whole reference is to her late husband's interest in the Laconia Company. No mention is made of the grant of New Hampshire, by that or by any other name, claimed by Robert Mason after the Restoration. Indeed to Robert Mason's first petition, in 1680, appears the names of Henry Gardiner and George Griffine (Griffith), two of the partners of the Laconia Company.

The operations of the Laconia Company, whose franchises, as we have already seen, were quite distinct from those of Edward Hilton and his associates, were chiefly on the east side of the river, on lands subsequently included in Gorges's grant of New Somersetshire; and Mason's transactions after the division, whatever they may have been, were principally confined, no doubt, to the same section. This territory, at first called "Pascataqua," was, in 1647, incorporated as "Kittery," from which subsequently the towns of Elliot, South Berwick, and Berwick, have been taken. The permanent settlement of this territory should undoubtedly date from its occupation by the Laconia Company in 1630.

And here I am reminded of the tendency which appears to have existed among some of our local historical writers to antedate the settlements on the eastern coast. Williamson, in his History of Maine (I. 243-4), says that some of the territory on its western border, early known as Pascataqua, was settled as early as 1624. He evidently infers this from a supposed connection and intercourse between this section and the settlements of Dover and Portsmouth, in all bearing the same general name.

Williamson also says (I. 227) that "as early as 1623, a permanent settlement was commenced at Saco." His principal authority for this statement is the language of the patent to Vines and Oldham of 1629-30, reciting that Oldham and his servants had lived "in New England" for six years preceding. He supposed that they had lived at Winter Harbor, where Vines is known to have passed the winter of 1616-17. Now Oldham and his servants came to Plymouth in 1623, in the Anne, and had some land assigned to them in the following year. He was afterwards expelled from that community; but he never settled on the land granted to him and Vines, either before or after the patent was received.

This same writer (I. 231) follows Dr. Belknap, in his life of F. Gorges, in fixing upon the same period as that at which grants of land were made to some members of the Gorges family, of 12,000 acres on each side of the York River, at which time William Gorges, Lieut. Colonel Norton, and others, came over with all the necessary materials for building vessels, saw-mills, &c. This error of about a decade of years occurred by a misreading of Gorges's imperfect narrative, where the chronology of events is rarely noted, or is incorrectly given. But Williamson gratuitously makes this addition to the account; viz., that the immediate management of the enterprise was intrusted to Ferdinando Gorges, the grandson of Sir Ferdinando, "a young gentleman of rank and ambition." Now the truth is that the grant of 12,000 acres on each side of the York River was made 2 December, 1631. F. Gorges, the grandson, was interested in the grant through his grandfather, who caused his name to be inserted in the patent; but he was only two or three years old at this time. The period hitherto assigned for this grant and settlement was some six years before he was born. But I will not pursue this rather irrelevant criticism further.

(A)

The bark "Warwick," which brought over Neal and Gibbons in 1630, came to New England again in the following year; sailing from "the Downes" 4 July, 1631, and arriving at the harbor of Piscataqua the 9th September. She may at this time have brought over to the colony some of those stewards and servants of the Laconia Company, whose arrival Adams, in his Annals of Portsmouth, places under the year 1631. (Of course he errs in

fiftieth Betweene David Thomson of Plymouth in the County of devon gentleman of thone parte. And Abraham Colmer Nicholas Sherwill, and Leonard Pomery of Plymouth aforesaid marchants of th' other parte.

Imprimis, whereas the Councell established, by the said Kings Ma<sup>ties</sup> L<sup>r</sup>es patents, for the ruling, orderinge & disposing of the terrytories and affayres of Newe England in America, have graunted unto thabove named David Thomson, his heires and assignes, for ever, Sixe Thousand acres of land, and one Iland lyeing & being in & upon the coaste of Newe England aforesaid, w<sup>th</sup> dyvers Royalties, ymmunities priveledges franchises and liberties, As by the same graunt, bearinge date the Sixteenth daye of October laste paste more at large, it dothe & maye appeare, And farther wheareas also the said David Thomson by his deed Indentid beareinge date w<sup>th</sup> these p<sup>s</sup>ents hath freely and absolutely graunted the foureth parte of all the said Iland w<sup>th</sup> thap<sup>p</sup>teffices thereunto belonging or in any wise apperteyninge, unto tha-

including Neal and Gibbons in that list, and quite likely as to others.) The "Warwick" then, on the 19th, sailed directly for Virginia and the Potomac River. Her factor, Henry Fleet, had commission from her owners to be absent one year "for trade and discovery." In the following winter, she brought thence a cargo of corn to Piscataqua, and on her return to the South put into Salem and Boston. On the 9th April, 1632, she sailed from Boston for Virginia, where she remained for some time in charge of her factor, trading in the waters of the Chesapeake. The bark belonged to George Griffith and Company (George Griffith was one of the Laconia partners), and her owners subsequently claimed that Fleet had, by the connivance of Governor Harvey, "restrained the vessell and profits to the petitioner's great loss." Griffith appears to have had other schemes kindred to those in which the Laconia Company was engaged. In 1638, in a petition to the king, "he sets forth his great loss by sending men to the river Amazon, and planting on the coast of Guiana, through the Portuguese, and the treachery of the natives," &c. See Neill's "English Colonization of America," pp. 222-237; Winthrop, I. 39, 71, 72; Cal. S. P. Col. Ser. pp. 184, 270.

## (B)

Sidrach Millar, of London, cooper, presented a petition to the Privy Council, saying that, by a contract with Captain John Mason, John Cotton, and Henry Gardner, on behalf of the company or adventurers for the Province of Laconia, in New England, the petitioner and two servants were transported to Piscataqua, where they worked eighteen months for the Company. Millar, being sent to England, left his servants behind him, who have since been discharged, destitute of means or friends. The Governor would not pay their passage money, and the Company will not pay what is due to them; prays that the Company may be ordered to pay the money due to him and his two servants for the work done according to the contract. See Cal. S. P. Col., p. 138; Folsom's Original Doc., p. 8. Millar may have returned to England with Neal in August, 1633, some eight of Neal's company having gone back with him at that time.

The Laconia associates in London, after the suspension of their operations, seem to have had dissensions among themselves, resulting in law-suits, the evidence of which exists among the Records of the Privy Council and of the Court of Requests. See N. E. Hist. and Geneal. Reg. VIII, 142, 143; Jenness's Isles of Shoals, 185-190. Thomas Eyre was probably secretary of the company. He had been secretary of the Canada Company; and in June, 1632, was chosen secretary for the Council of New England.

## (C)

The editor of the Provincial Papers relating to N. H., a valuable work, often consulted by me, at p. 69 of Vol. 1., assumes that Thomas Warnerton, the Laconia associate, is identical with the emigrant who bore the same name; though he had immediately before him a letter of the partners, dated at London, 5 December, 1632, signed by Warnerton, among others, in which instructions are given to the emigrant here. The Laconia associate was a notary public and merchant of London, and is found living there in 1632, 1633, and 1638. Thomas Warnerton, the emigrant, (sufficiently illustrated by Winthrop and his editor, II. 177, 178), had been a soldier, quite likely he was a son of the proprietor, and "left his country for his country's good." Hubbard's account of the winding up of his career, pp. 484, 485, is taken from Winthrop. See Jenness's Isles of Shoals, 2d edition, p. 61; Sainsbury, Cal. (Col.), p. 289.

bove named Abraham Colmer Nicholas Sherwill and Leonard Pomerie their heires & assignes forever, w<sup>th</sup> Covenante also therein expressed, to grannte and convey, unto them their heires & assignes in fee simple, the foureth parte of the before recyted Sixe thousand acres of land and other the premysses w<sup>th</sup> thapp<sup>ur</sup>teffices, As by the said deed thereof Indentid to them made more plainely and at large it doth & maye appeare. In Consideracon whereof it is fullie covenanted & agreed by and betweene the said parties to these presents in manner and forme followinge, that is to saie “ “ “ “ “

First, that they the said Abraham Colmer Nicholas Sherwill, and Leonard Pomerie their heires and assignes, shall and will at their owne proper costes and charges, this present yeare provid and send, two men, with the said David Thomson, in the good shipp called the Jonathan of Plymouth aforesaid (by gods permission) to be landed in Newe Englande aforesaid, w<sup>th</sup> soe muche victualls & provisions as shall suffice them, till they be their landed, And yf they land there, within the space of three moneths, after the said shipp shall passe Ramehed, The residue of the three moneths victualls (yf any be) shall be delyvered to the said David Thomson, at his landing there, the said men and victualls, there to be disposed of, by the said David Thomson, as well towards the findinge of a fitt place for thintended plantac'on there, as also to begin the same “ “ “ “ “

Item, that they, the said David Thomson, Abraham Colmer, Nicholas Sherwill, & Leonard Pomerie, their heires and assignes, shall and will this present yeare, at their wone proper costes & charge, find provide and send, three men more, in the good ship called the Providence of Plymouth aforesaid, yf they maye be so sonne gotten, Or in some other shipp w<sup>th</sup> the first expedic'on that maye be, To be also (by god his permyssion) landed in Newe England, their to be disposed of as aforesaid, the Charges of w<sup>ch</sup> men lastlie menc'oed are to be paid and borne equallie betweene them the said parties to theis p'sents “

Item, it is farther agreed by and betweene the said parties to theis p'its, that two men more (over & above the former three) shal be this p'sent yeare, provided & sent, in the foresaid shipp the Jonathan; w<sup>th</sup> their victualls and provisions, To be likewise (by gods permyssion) landed in Newe England aforesaid, the charge of w<sup>ch</sup> two men lastlie menc'oed soe to be sent, shalbe equallie borne and paid, betweene the said David Thomson, Abraham Colmer, Nicholas Sherwill, and Leonard Pomerie “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “

Item, it is farther agreed by and betweene the said parties to theis p'its, that after suche tyme, as the said David Thomson, And the foresaid Seaven men or any of them, shalbe soe landed in Newe England as aforesaid The said persons soe landed, shall and will

use their best Endeavor, (by the dirrecc'on of the said David Thomson) w<sup>th</sup> as muche conveniencie as maye be, to find oute some fitt place or places there, for the choise of the said Sixe thousand acres of land, accordinge to th' intent of the graunt aforesaid; And also of some fitt place, to settle and Builde some houses or buildings for habitacons, On w<sup>ch</sup> they are to begyn, w<sup>th</sup> as muche expedic'on as they maye, To the lymits and precincts of w<sup>ch</sup> habitacons or buildings soe intended to be there erected, there shalbe allotted, of the landes next thereunto adjoyninge, at or before thend of five yeares, next ensuing the date hereof, the full quantitie of Sixe hundred acres of land, or neere thereaboutes, W<sup>ch</sup> said Sixe hundred acres of land, w<sup>h</sup> all and singular the temem<sup>ts</sup> and buildings, that maye be raised thereupon, duringe the said space of five yeares, together w<sup>h</sup> the Seas, Rivers harbor or harbors ports creeks and all and singeler other the premysses whatsoever, conteyned w<sup>th</sup>in the said sixe hundred acres of land, w<sup>th</sup> the seas Anent the same, shall at thend & expirac'on of the said five yeares, Be equallie divided, betweene them the said David Thomson, Abraham Colmer, Nicholas Sherwill and Leonard Pomery by lotts, And that all costs charges and disbursments whatsoever, to be paid & layde forth, from and after the landing of the said men or any of them in Newe England aforesaid, towards the finding oute of the said sixe thousand acres of land, or for the buildinge, planting and husbanding, of the said sixe hundred acres of land, shall During the said five yeares be equallie borne and paid, betweene all the said parties to theis p'sents The residue of the said Sixe thousand acres of land, to be also in such convenient tyme as maye be Devided betweene them the said parties in foure parts, and by lotts as aforesaid, w<sup>th</sup> all the seas & Rivers Anent the same, and all other the premysses to the same belonging, Whereof the said David Thomson his heires and assignes, are to have three Quarters, And the said Abraham Colmer Nicholas Sherwill & Leonard Pomerie, their heires & assignes, One quarter accordinge to the true intent & meaning of the last before recyted graunt, to them thereof to be made by the said David Thomson his heires & assignes " " " " " " " " " "

Item, it is farther agreed, by and betweene the said parties to theis p'sents, that the said lland, w<sup>th</sup> the groundes soyles, Havens, Rivers ports, Creeks, w<sup>th</sup> th app<sup>rt</sup>teffices thereunto belofging at thend of the said five yeares, shall alsoe be Devided amongste them, the said parties in foure partes, by lotts as aforesaid, Whereof the said David Thomson his heires & assignes are to have three of the said foure partes, And the said Abraham Colmer, Nicholas Sherwill and Leonard Pomerie, their heires and assignes, thother foureth

parte, accordinge to the true intent & meaninge, of the laste before recyted graunt thereof to them made " " " " " "

Item, farther it is fully covenanted & agreed by and betweene the said parties to theis pñts, That all costes, charges, expenses, and disbursm<sup>t</sup> whatsoever w<sup>ch</sup> shall happen to be expended laid forth or disbursed for and towards the planting & husbanding of the said Iland w<sup>th</sup> thapp<sup>r</sup>teffics, And for and towards the Erecting of habitacc'ons or buildings there untill the same be divided as aforesaid, shalbe borne and paid betweene the said parties, in this sorte (viz), three partes, by the said David Thomson, his heires and assignes, and the other foureth parte, by the said Abraham Colmer, Nicholas Sherwill & Leonard Pomerie their heires and assignes " " " "

Item, it is farther agreed by and betweene the said parties to theise presents, that all benefitts and profitts whatsoever, that shall or maye, duringe the said terme of five yeares happen to accrewe arise & growe oute of or upon, the said sixe hundred acres of land, be it more or lesse, and of the Seas and Rivers thereunto belonging, or by trading, fishing Setting & Setling\* of the same landes & tenements, or any parte of them, or by any other industrie waies or meanes whatsoever (the fishing of such shipp or shipps of the said Abraham Colmer Nicholas Sherwill & Leonard Pomerie, or of either or any of them, or of either or any of their assignes, sett forth onely at their costs and charges, and wherein the said David Thomson, doth not, or will not, put in his parte of the costs and charges, onely excepted & foreprised,) shall also be equallie divided betweene them the parties to these presents parte and parte like " " " " " "

Item, it is also agreed by and betweene the said parties to theis p'sents, that all benefitts and profits, that shall or maye, duringe the said terme of five years, happen to accrewe aryse and growe, oute of or upon, the residue of the said, sixe thousand acres of land w<sup>th</sup> app<sup>r</sup>teffics, or oute of, or upon the said Iland w<sup>th</sup> thapp<sup>r</sup>teffics shalbe divided into foure partes Whereof the said David Thomson his heires and assignes shall have three partes, And the said Abraham Colmer Nicholas Sherwill, and Leonard Pomery their heires & assignes shall have th' other foureth parte, And that every of them, shall and will upon reasonable request, delyver to th' other a juste & perfect accompt of his receipts & payments concerning the premisses And for the true performance of all and singuler, the said covenannts and agreements, either of the said parties bindeth himself to th' other firmly by these presents " " " " " " " " " " " "†

In wittnes wheareof the said parties interchangablie, to theis

\*Obscure; "Setling" may be the word intended.

†The inverted commas between the paragraphs in the text represent similar marks in the original instrument, intended to fill up the spaces not written upon. Nothing is omitted.



p'sent coven<sup>ts</sup> Indented, their handes and seals have sett, yeoven  
 the daye and yeare first above wrytten Annoq. Dm. 1622  
 p me (Abraham)† Colmer p me Nicholas Sherwill Leonard Pomery

†The Christian name of each signer was written upon the three tags inserted into the parchment by an incision made in it in the usual way. The tag on which Colmer wrote is gone, so that his first name here is wanting. There are no seals: the tags remaining are cut off even with the lower margin of the parchment.

(Endorsed)  
 Sealed and delyvered in p'sents of  
 John ffowell  
 Teste me Tho. Cruse  
 Teste Hugoe Bull  
 Michael Herring†

†"Michael Herring, of London," was a son-in-law of Nicholas Sherwill, as appears by an abstract of Sherwill's will, proved 8 June, 1639, kindly sent to me, by Mr. J. L. Chester, of London, since these notes were in type. Mr. Chester has also sent me abstracts of the wills of Abraham Colmer and Leonard Pomery; that of the former proved 23 Nov., 1631, and the latter 30 March 1639. It appears that the ship "Providence" was owned by Pomery. These additional wills throw no additional light on the transactions of these merchants with David Thomson, and no further documents as yet have rewarded inquiry.



**COMBINATIONS**  
**FOR**  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
**IN**  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE.**



[From Historical Papers, by Charles Wesley Tuttle, 1889, pp. 329-335.]

The grant of territory in New England to Capt. John Mason did not confer upon him any power of political government; but the grant of so much power as should be necessary to protect his own rights and the rights of his servants, as well as to preserve order, must be understood as implied in the concession made to him. In the absence of any general government, even of the simplest sort, the several communities or clusters of inhabitants in New Hampshire found themselves compelled at an early period to combine for self-protection. These separate communities were settled at and in the neighborhood of Strawberry Bank (Portsmouth), Great Island (New Castle), Exeter, and Dover.

### *The Lower Pascataqua.*

It is not possible, at the present time, to determine the year when the inhabitants on the lower Pascataqua, including Strawberry Bank, Great Island, and Little Harbor, first entered into a "combination" or local government. Hubbard\* says that "after Captain Neal's going away" to England (1633) the inhabitants entered into a combination "for the better enabling them to live orderly one by another." They chose for their first governor ' Mr. Francis Williams, an agent sent by Captain Mason, this Williams being a prudent man, and of better quality than the rest." He held this office for several years. In 1638 he exercised his authority, seemingly, however, beyond the limits of his jurisdiction, in quelling the violent disturbance at Dover, which grew out of the factious disputes between Larkham and Knollys and their respective partisans.†

It would appear that the inhabitants on the lower Pascataqua entered into a combination for a second time previous to 1643. The editor of the Provincial Papers of New Hampshire mentions an existing court record, bearing date the year last named, in which "John Pickering is enjoined to deliver the old combination of Strawberry Bank the next court." And in the grant of glebe lands by the "inhabitants of the lower end of Pascataquack." May 25, 1640, signed by "Francis Williams, Governor, Ambrose Gibbins, Assistant," and others, reference is made to an existing "combination."‡ The record of both the earlier and later combinations has undoubtedly perished, nor is there any record of their substance. When Massachusetts

\* History of New England, 219, 220. † Belknap, Farmer's ed., chap. II.  
‡ Prov. Papers of New Hampshire, I, 111, 112.

extended her jurisdiction over New Hampshire, all these combinations were dissolved, and some of the persons, like Williams, who had been prominent in the local governments, were appointed to civil or military offices under the government of Massachusetts.

*Exeter.*

In the year 1688 the Rev. John Wheelwright and others, who had been banished in the preceding year from the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, on account of their active participation in the theological controversy incited by Mrs. Ann Hutchinson, or on account of their known sympathy for her doctrines, made a settlement at Exeter. They first instituted a church, concerning which Winthrop, under date of Dec. 13, 1688, says:

Those who went to the falls at Pascataquack gathered a church, and wrote to our church [in Boston] to desire us to dismiss Mr. Wheelwright to them for an officer; but because he desired it not himself, the elders did not propound it. Soon after came his own letters, with theirs, for his dismissal, which thereupon was granted. Others also (upon their request) were dismissed thither. \*

The people whom the Rev. John Wheelwright led or early attracted to the "falls at Pascataquack," entered into a written combination for the purpose of government in 1639. Shortly afterward this instrument was altered to suit the views of those who were not inclined to profess in strong terms their allegiance to the King. But in the year 1640 there was a reaction in public sentiment, and the original combination "in substance" was readopted, with the following preliminary statement:—

Whereas a certain combination was made by us, the brethren of the church of Exeter, w<sup>th</sup> the rest of the Inhabitants, bearing date Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> d. 4, 1659. w<sup>h</sup> afterwards, upon the instant request of some of the brethren, was altered & put into such a forme of wordes, wherein howsoever we doe acknowledge the King's Majesty our dread Sovereigne & our selves his subjects: yet some expressions are contained therein w<sup>h</sup> may seeme to admit of such a sence as somewhat derogates from that due Allegiance w<sup>h</sup> we owe to his Hignesse, quite contrary to our true intents & meaninge: We therefore doe revoke, disannull, make voyd, and frustrate the said latter combination, as if it never had beene done, and do ratify, confirme, and establish the former, w<sup>h</sup> wee onely stand unto as being in force and virtue, the w<sup>h</sup> for substance is here set downe in manner & forme following. Mon. 2<sup>da</sup>, 1640.

Whereas it hath pleased the lord to move the heart of our Dread Sovereigne Charles by the grace of god king of England, Scotland, France, & Ireland to grant license & liberty to sundry of his subjects to plant them selves in the Westernne partes of America; Wee his loyall subjects, brethren of the church of

\* Winthrop's Hist. of New England, I, 338.

Exceter, situate & lying upon the river of Piscataquacke \* w<sup>th</sup> other inhabitants there, considering w<sup>th</sup> our selves the holy will of god & our owne necessity, that we should not live w<sup>th</sup> out wholesome lawes & civil government amongst us, of w<sup>h</sup> we are altogether destitute, doe in the name of Christ, and in the sight of god, combine our selves together, to erect & set up amongst us such Government as shall be (to our best discerning) agreeable to the will of god; professing our selves subjects to our Sovereigne Lord King Charles according to the libertys of our English Colony of the Massachusetts, and binding ourselves solely by the grace & helpe of christ & in his name & feare to submit our selves to such godly and christian laws as are established in the Realme of England to our best knowledge: & to all other such lawes w<sup>h</sup> shall upon good grounds be made & inacted amongst us according to god, y<sup>t</sup> we may live quietly & peaceably together in all godlyness & honesty. Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> d. 4<sup>th</sup>, 1639.†

The following names were subscribed to the above:—

John Wheelwright	<sup>his</sup> Darby X Feild <sup>mark</sup>	<sup>his</sup> George X Rawbone <sup>mark</sup>
Augustine Storre	<sup>his</sup> Robert X Read <sup>mark</sup>	<sup>his</sup> William X Coole <sup>mark</sup>
Thomas Wight	Edward Rishworth	<sup>his</sup> James X Walles <sup>mark</sup>
William Wentworth	<sup>his</sup> Francis X Mathews <sup>mark</sup>	Thomas Levitt
Henry Elkins	Ralph Hall	Edmund Littlefield
<sup>his</sup> George X Walton <sup>mark</sup>	<sup>his</sup> Robert X Soward <sup>mark</sup>	<sup>his</sup> John X Crame <sup>mark</sup>
Samuell Walker	Richard Bullgar	<sup>his</sup> Godfrye X Dearborne <sup>mark</sup>
Thomas Pettit	Christopher Lawton	Philemon Pormort
Henry Toby	<sup>his</sup> George X Barlow <sup>mark</sup>	Thomas Wardell
William Wenbourne	Richard Moris	<sup>his</sup> Willia X Wardell <sup>mark</sup>
<sup>his</sup> Thomas X Crawley <sup>mark</sup>	Nicholas Needham	<sup>his</sup> Robert X Smith <sup>mark</sup>
Chr Helme	<sup>his</sup> Thomas X Wilson <sup>mark</sup>	

\* It will be observed that Gov. Winthrop uses the phrase, "the falls at Pascataquack," and that the Exeter compact of civil government contains the expression, "Exceter, situate & lying upon the river of Piscataquacke." Both expressions refer to the stream now called the Exeter River, the Indian name for which was Squamscott. The falls in the river are still popularly called Squamscott Falls. The reader will consider the importance of the fact that in 1638 and 1639 the expressions above cited were used to designate the Pascataqua River, or a branch of it, as bearing upon the contention of Mr. Jenness, (Notes on the First Planting of New Hampshire, etc.), respecting the southern limits of the Hilton Patent. He remarks (pp. 54, 55): "It may well be doubted whether at the time the Hilton Patent was granted (1639-90) the name *Piscataqua* was ever applied by the English or the Indians to Exeter River." As we have seen the name was so applied in 1638 and 1639, and it is probable that its application then was in harmony with the popular usage from the time of the first English settlements on the Pascataqua.

† It appears that the original writing, containing the combination adopted in 1639, has been lost, but we have it "for substance" in the new combination adopted in 1640, as given above. Unless this fact is borne in mind, the date, "Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> d. 4<sup>th</sup>, 1639," affixed to the paper draughted in 1640, is likely to mislead the reader. For a fac-simile of the paper, see Bell's History of Exeter.

*Hilton Patent.*

It is probable that the settlers within the territory granted in 1630 to Edward Hilton had some kind of civil government as early as 1633, but there is no record of a formal combination for that purpose prior to the year 1640. The form of local government entered into on the 22d of October, 1640, is usually, but erroneously, spoken of by Hubbard, Belknap, and more modern writers, as the "Dover Combination." The instrument is here reproduced. It will be observed that the name Dover does not occur in it, and that the signers describe themselves as residing on "the River Pascataquack." The Hilton Patent included, so it was claimed, not only a portion of the present town of Dover, but also a portion of the present towns of Newington, Greenland, and Stratham. Among the signers was Captain Francis Champernowne. Champernowne never resided in Dover. His residence in 1640 was in that part of Greenland which was then claimed to be a portion of the Hilton Patent.

The original Hilton Patent Combination is supposed to be lost, but a copy, made for Governor Cranfield, was sent by him to England in 1682, and is now in the Public Record Office. Some of the subscribed names are evidently misspelled. The following copy is taken from Jenness's Abstracts of Original Documents relating to New Hampshire:—

Whereas sundry Mischeifes and inconveniences have befalln us, and more and greater may in regard of want of Civill Government, his Gracious Ma<sup>ties</sup> having hitherto Settled no Order for us to our Knowledge—

Wee whose names are underwritten being Inhabitants upon the River Pascataquack have voluntarily agreed to combine ourselves into a Body Politique that wee may the more comfortably enjoy the benefit of his Maj<sup>ties</sup> Lawes, and do hereby actually engage our Selves to submit to his Royal Maj<sup>ties</sup> Lawes, together with all such Orders as shalbee concluded by a Major part of the Freemen of our Society, in case they be not repugnant to the Lawes of England and administered in the behalfe of his Majesty.

And this we have mutually promised and concluded to do, and so to continue till his Excellent Maj<sup>ties</sup> shall give other order concerning us.

In Witness wee have hereto Set our hands the two and twentieth day of October in the Sixteenth yeare of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord Charles by the grace of God King of Great Brittain, France, & Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c.

Annoq: Dom<sup>ini</sup> 1640

John Follet  
Robert Nanney  
William Jones  
Philip Swaddon  
Richard Pinkhame  
Bartholomew Hunt

Hanserd Knowles  
Edward Colcord  
Henry Lahorn  
Abel Cannmond  
Henry Beck  
Robert Huggins

Tho. Layton  
Tho. Roberts  
Edward Starr  
James Nute  
Anthony Emery  
Richard Laham



William Bowden	Thom. Larkham	Bartholomew Smith
John Wastill	Richard Waldern	Samuel Haines
John Heard	William Waldern	John Underhill
John Hall	William Storer	Peter Garland
Fran. Champernoon	William Furber	John Dam
Steven Treddar	John Phillips	John Cross
John Ungroufe	Tho. Dunstar	George Webb
Thomas Canning	William Pomfret	James Rawlins

This is a true copy compared with y<sup>e</sup> Originall by me                      Edw. Cranfield.

[Endorsed] New England N. Hampshire. The Combination for Government  
by y<sup>e</sup> people at Pascataqua (1640).  
Rc<sup>d</sup> ab<sup>t</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> Febr. 82-3.



**THE**  
**ORIGIN, ORGANIZATION, AND INFLUENCE**  
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## THE ORIGIN, ORGANIZATION, AND INFLUENCE OF THE TOWNS OF NEW ENGLAND.

It is interesting and instructive to contemplate the progress of the settlement of the different portions of the country; to note the differences which existed between the mode of settlement adopted in New England and in other districts; to inquire how the townspeople of New England came into existence, and perceive how largely they must have contributed to the success of the settlements; but, above all, to mark their influence, mainly exerted through their own subsequent incorporation as towns, upon the social, political, moral, and religious character of the inhabitants. It will increase our veneration for our fathers, it will refresh our own patriotism.

The great principle upon which the settlement of New England had its inception, and which led to the establishment of the colony at Plymouth, was the desire of the Pilgrim Fathers to enjoy unmolested their religious opinions. There were two other principles upon which the settlement was projected, or which were soon after recognized, and which, in their tendency to promote the prosperity of the enterprise, were secondary only to that of religious liberty; one, that the right of government should be secured to them by charters, conferring upon them powers for that purpose; the other, that the adventurers were severally to possess small freeholds in their own right.\*

There were perhaps several reasons why the emigrants, in the first instance, were desirous of acquiring only a moderate portion of the territory. They could take possession of but a small strip of land on the sea board, the necessity of actual protection against Indian hostility obliging them to live in communities. They desired to encourage the emigration of all those who, like themselves, were suffering for conscience's sake. They had in view trade, rather than agriculture. And it may be added, that the religious and political principles of many of them alike forbade an attempt at the acquisition of feudal rights or manorial relations.

There were doubtless, also, several reasons why, in their grants and charters, they should have insisted upon the insertion of such articles as would enable them to make laws and ordinances for their own government, and provision for their own welfare. The necessity of a civil government of some kind was apparent. The impossibility

\* Morton's Memorial, Davis's ed., 1826. Appendix F, p. 362.

that any government, administered by the Mother Country alone, should be adequate to their wants, must have been equally so. And, above all, the determination of the emigrants to be secure in their religious privileges, which security they well knew could not be attained except by the power of making their own regulations, was alone a sufficient reason.

In considering, therefore, the early history of New England, and teaching its prosperity through the hardships and toil and suffering and dangers which were endured by the early settlers, while great credit is due to the religious principles which actuated most of them, and too much praise can hardly be bestowed upon it, we should not overlook the other agencies to which I have thus referred; to wit, corporate municipal powers, and the subdivision of the land into small freeholds; which, if they grew out of, and were originally but consequences of, the religious sentiment, yet became of themselves powerful means in the promotion of the settlement and prosperity of the country.

Fervent as was the piety, and persistent as was the energy, of many of the early settlers, the religious principle could not have been maintained, impressing its character upon the opinions, manners, and habits of the people, had it not been for these other agencies. Had there been, in the early settlement of the country, colonial governors, appointed by the crown to enforce laws made by the Mother Country only, without a power of self-government, the ranks of the emigrants could not have been filled. And, had the country been granted in large tracts to single proprietors, who thereupon attempted to settle them as leaseholds, by a tenantry paying rents of money, grain, &c., the settlements of New England could never have proceeded with the rapidity and success which have characterized them.

Manors have existed in a portion of the colony of New York. And the grants of land by the owner of the manor ("the Patroon"), reserving an annual rent, have been the source of incalculable evils, moral and political, in these districts.

But the form of self-government provided for in the charters and patents was not alone sufficient for the purpose. All these elements, to wit, religious liberty, self-government, and freehold titles, have had their full influence and operation more effectually through the organization of towns, than in any other mode. It is through the action of these town incorporations that the Puritan principles have been sustained, the New England character formed, the industry and economy of the people promoted, the education of the whole population provided for, and perhaps the independence of the country secured. I am sure that I do not exaggerate their importance when

I say that they have been the arterial system of New England, through which has circulated the life-blood which has invigorated, sustained, and strengthened her; making her expand in her religious, social, educational, benevolent, and political institutions and character.

The subject of the present paper is the origin of these town corporations, the mode of their organization, their utility as manifested by the division of the lands within their limits, the rights and privileges which they possessed and secured, their duties and liabilities, and the influence they have exerted, not only upon the social and religious character of the people embraced within their respective limits, but the vast effect they have had upon the political destinies of New England, and of the whole country.

Before proceeding to show the manner in which these towns originated, it may be well, for the information of any one not conversant with the subject, to say, that in the early history and records of New England, while the term *plantation* was often used to designate the whole colony, whether of Plymouth or Massachusetts, the terms *plantation* and *town* were used indifferently, to represent a settlement of persons in the neighborhood of each other, forming a cluster of habitations, the inhabitants voluntarily associating themselves together for the performance of certain common duties, and the enjoyment of common privileges and social intercourse; although persons living at some distance, and comparatively isolated, might be thus associated with those more compactly settled, and thus belong to the plantation or town. When adjacent lands were afterwards granted to them or others, so that the territory was sufficiently large, the limits of the plantation or town were established, and it was afterwards known as a township or town. Purchases of territory were sometimes made from the Indians, and allowed by the General Court, and a charter granted. The *territory* within the limits of these grants and purchases was sometimes known as a *township*; but as the limits of such early towns were rarely, if ever, established until an act of incorporation was granted, which authorized the inhabitants to exercise certain powers of local government, the term *township* is not so often found applied to these earliest settlements, as that of town.

At a somewhat later stage in the history of New England, when the emigration had increased and there was a desire and necessity for the expansion of the settlements, tracts of land, of some miles in extent, were granted by the Government to companies, or to several persons, in anticipation of settlement. These grants were called *townships*; and the grantees or proprietors of the township held meetings,

dividing and allotting the lands among themselves, in different modes, by a major vote. The share of each proprietor in the township might be sold by him, and his lands when a division was made. Acting thus far like corporations, the proprietors have been recognized as having corporate powers for such purposes, and the collective body has been known as the *Proprietary*. When the lands were all divided and allotted, the proprietary became extinct,—dissolved by the accomplishment of the purpose for which it existed,—and the term *township* soon ceased to be the common designation. When ever a sufficient number of inhabitants were settled in such township, to render it expedient that they should perform duties and enjoy privileges similar to those performed and enjoyed by the inhabitants of the earlier towns (which was generally before the proprietary was dissolved), the township was incorporated, and from that time became known as a *town*, by the name specified in the act of incorporation; although the term *township* continued to be used, mainly in reference to the division of the lands, and matters pertaining to land-titles.

The term *plantation* was retained but a short time, and has fallen into almost entire disuse in New England; but it has been, and still is, used in the southern states, to designate a large tract of land in the ownership of a single person, particularly when cultivated by the labor of slaves.

Early after the institution of the Federal Government, the term *township* was used as descriptive of the territorial divisions of the public lands of the United States in the western states and territories, which have been usually surveyed into tracts six miles square, with sub-divisions down to forty acres, and then offered for sale by the Government. As these townships become settled, they are called and known as towns; and sometimes the villages in them have, particularly, the same designation.

It has been said (by Mr. Baylies), that “the origin of town governments in New England is involved in some obscurity. The system does not prevail in England. Nothing analogous to it is known in the southern states; and, although the system of internal government in the middle states bears a partial resemblance to that of New England, it is in many respects dissimilar. Those who are strangers to our customs, are surprised to find the whole of New England divided into a vast number of little democratic republics, which have full power to do all those things which most essentially concern the comfort, happiness, and morals of the people.”\*

Another writer remarks, that the New England towns were “peculiar in their independence and the organization of their gov-

\*1 Baylies' Memoir of Plymouth Colony, 240.



ernment," and that "this government, in the light of to-day so simple and reasonable, perhaps existed nowhere else."—"The nearest precedents," he thinks, "for the New England towns were those little independent nations, the free cities of the twelfth century; or the towns of the Anglo-Saxons, where every office was elective."†

But a careful examination of the history of the New England towns will show that they were not founded or modelled on precedent.

I very well recollect the curiosity expressed by some of the gentlemen in the suite of Lafayette, on his visit to this country in 1825, respecting these town organizations and their powers and operations; and a very intelligent foreigner, the author of "Democracy in America," took great pains to acquire information respecting them, and devoted considerable space in his work to an account of their powers, privileges, and duties. With these matters we are all familiar, having almost daily occasion to take part in the exercise of the first two, and to aid in the performance of the latter. But the questions, how it happened that these towns were formed, what were their powers and duties originally, what has been the course of their progress, and what the effect of their organization, are not the subjects of our daily contemplation.

They were not contrived in the closet, nor in the hall of a legislative assembly; and brought into existence, with the powers and duties which we find attached to them, by the enactment of a law for that purpose. They did not burst into mature life by any previous contrivance. But, like most other useful machinery, they had their origin in the wants of the time, and came into existence by a gradual progress from imperfect beginnings.

For the origin of these institutions, the introduction of their municipal powers and duties, and their operation in the distribution of the land into small freeholds, it is necessary to study the history of the early settlement of New England.

The charter of "the Council established at Plymouth, in the County of Devon [in England], for the planting, ruling, ordering, and governing of New England in America," granted by James I, Nov. 3, 1620, and known as "the Great Patent of New England," incorporated the grantees and empowered them to make, ordain, and establish all manner of orders, laws, &c., for and concerning the government of the colony and plantation, which should not be contrary to the laws and statutes of the realm; with power to the Council, and to such governors, officers, &c., as they should appoint, to correct, punish, pardon, govern, &c., according to such laws, orders, &c., "and in defect thereof, in cases of necessity, according to the good discretions

†Frothingham's History of Charlestown, 49, 50.

of the said governors and officers respectively, as well in cases capital and criminal, as civil, both marine and others, so always as the said statutes, ordinances, and proceedings [be], as near as conveniently may be agreeable to the laws, statutes, government, and policy of this our realm of England." The lands embraced in it were to be held "in free and common socage, and not *in capite* nor by knight's service;" which was the most free manner of holding lands in England.\* This was certainly a most ample grant of powers.

The emigration of the first settlers at Plymouth, in New England, was before this grant (although their arrival was after), and the settlement which they contemplated was to be under the General Company of Virginia, which was established in 1606. For this purpose a patent was procured from the Virginia Company, which is supposed to have embraced a tract of territory near the mouth of the Hudson River. But they never made use of it. Storms drove them from their course; they made land at Cape Cod, and concluded to settle there.†

Before landing they entered into and subscribed a combination or compact, "being the first foundation of their government," "occasioned partly by the discontented and mutinous speeches that some of the strangers amongst them had let fall from them in the ship,—that when they came ashore they would use their own liberty; for none had power to command them, the patent they had being for Virginia and not for New England, which belonged to another government, with which the Virginia Company had nothing to do. And partly, that such an act by them done (this their condition considered) might be as firm as any patent, and in some respects more sure." In this compact, after reciting that they were loyal subjects of King James, and that they had undertaken, for the glory of God, the advancement of the Christian faith, and honor of their king and country, to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia, the subscribers solemnly covenanted and combined themselves "together into a civil body politic, for our better ordering and preservation, and furtherance of the ends aforesaid; and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute, and frame such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions, and offices, from time to time, as shall be thought most meet and convenient for the general good of the colony, unto which we promise all due submission and obedience."‡

\*See Plymouth Colony Records; Plymouth Colony Laws, Brigham's ed., 1-10.

†See Hutch. Hist. of Mass., 3d ed. vol. i. App. pp. 407, 408, 411; and, more at large, Bradford's History of Plymouth Plantation, published by the Massachusetts Historical Society, 1856, edited by Charles Deane, Esq., pp. 28, 41, 44, 76, 80 and Editor's notes. Same work in the Collections of the Historical Society, 4th series, vol. iii. For an account of the recent discovery of this work, see Mr. Deane's Editorial Preface.

‡Bradford's Hist., pp. 89, 90.

Under this compact they chose Mr. Carver governor; and, in the early part of the next year, he was re-elected. Doubtless they chose minor officers also. On Carver's death, in April, 1621, Bradford was elected governor; but, being ill at the time, an assistant was chosen. Subsequently the number of the assistants was increased to five, afterwards to seven, forming a court or council of assistants, the Governor having a double voice.\* The authority to elect the officers, and to direct and order the affairs of the colony, was in the freemen; and meetings for the purpose, called *General Courts*, became annual, first in January, then in March, afterwards in June.†

Thus a frame of self-government, to be administered by the freemen themselves, and through the agency of those whom they elected for the purpose, was established from the first.

On the first of June, 1621, a charter or patent from the President and Council established at Plymouth, in England, was granted to John Pierce and his associates, in trust for the colony. By this patent it was recited that "Pierce and his associates had transported, and undertaken to transport," "divers persons into New England, and there to erect and build a town, and settle divers inhabitants, &c.;" and thereupon the President and Council agreed to grant and allot, and did grant and allot, to Pierce and his associates, and every of them, one hundred acres of ground for every person, if they should continue three years, or die in the meantime, yielding a yearly rent of two shillings per acre after the first seven years. There were other provisions for grants of lands,—a covenant for a further specific grant of title, by bounds, upon a survey; another, that at any time within seven years, upon request, the President and Council would grant letters and grant of incorporation, by some usual and fit name and title, with liberty to them and their successors to make laws, ordinances, and constitutions, for the rule, government, &c., of all persons to be transported and settled, &c., with a provision, that in the meantime it should be lawful for Pierce and his associates, their heirs and assigns, by consent of the greater part of them, to establish such laws and ordinances as were for their better government; and the same, by such officer or officers as they should by most voices elect and choose, to put in execution. It was further agreed that, when the lands should be planted, there should be a further allow-

\*Bradford's Hist., pp. 101, 156, 306, Deane's note.

†Bradford's Hist., p. 307, Deane's note; Plymouth Colony Laws, pp. 30, 32, 37, 39. "The title of freeman is given to any one admitted to the freedom of a corporate town, or any other corporate body, consisting among other members, of those called freemen."—*Jacob's Law Dic.* The subscribers to the compact having combined themselves into a civil body politic, acted, in the management of their affairs, like a corporation; and they, with those whom they admitted into their association, were freemen.

ance and grant of fifty acres for each person transported and settled in the plantation.\*

It does not appear that the grantees ever acted under this patent. And it seems to me not improbable, that the clause providing for the payment of rent was particularly distasteful to them. † There is no evidence that any reliance was placed upon the authority given by the patent when, ten years after the first settlement, the Court, after indictment and trial by jury, undertook to inflict capital punishment for the offence of murder. As they were then an organized community, within the limits of the Great Patent, and recognized as such, perhaps they relied somewhat upon the provision in that grant, respecting discretion in governing, where no express authority was found. It appears that they consulted Governor Winthrop upon that occasion. They had no scruples respecting their authority, by virtue of their combination, to inflict corporal punishment for lesser offences. ‡

Pierce, in 1622, procured another patent, and it seems intended to establish a manorial court, and himself as lord of the manor. It is generally said, that this was assigned to the Plymouth colony. But Dr. Palfrey cites extracts from the Manuscript Journal of the Council for New England, to show "that Pierce's new patent was cancelled, and the Adventurers were reinstated in their rights." §

A patent was granted, by the Plymouth Company in England, to Bradford, his heirs, associates, and assigns, Jan. 13, 1629. And when, in 1636, the colonists revised their laws, they refer to their "solemn and binding combination," and to this patent, as their authority "for the ordering of a body politic within the several limits of the patent." It may be noted, however, that in "a form to be placed before the records of the several inheritances granted to all and every of the king's subjects inhabiting within the government," which was prepared at the same time, they not only refer to the compact, and the patent to Bradford, but allege that they "had sundry commissions made and confirmed by his said Majesty's Council for New England, to John Pierce and his associates (whose name we only made use of, and whose associates we were)." || If perchance it might afterwards be supposed that the "commissions" to Pierce affected the title to the lands, they asserted, it seems, their right to the benefit of them; although they did not rely upon them for authority in ordering the affairs of the body politic.

\* See Mass. Hist. Coll. 4th series, vol. II, p. 158; Bradford's Hist. 107, and Deane's note; Morton's New England Memorial, p. 20.

† William Hilton, writing from New Plymouth, November, 1621, says, "We are all free holders, the rent-day doth not trouble us." *Young's Chronicles of the Pilgrims*, p. 250.

‡ Bradford's Hist. p. 276; Hutch. Hist. Mass. volume II, p. 413.

§ Palfrey's Hist. of New England, vol. I. p. 210.

|| 11 Plymouth Col. Records, pp. 6, 21.

Bradford surrendered the patent to him, "his heirs, associates, and assigns," "into the hands of the whole court, consisting of the freemen of the corporation of New Plymouth," in 1640, in order that the title should be established in the colony.\*

Many of these facts relative to the original establishment of the Colony are familiar to us, partly through the statements of authors who had seen Bradford's manuscript. I have recited them here, because the New England towns derived their origin, organization, and powers of local government, from the powers exercised by the early emigrants; under the Compact, so far as appears, in the Plymouth colony, and under the charters in the colony of Massachusetts Bay. And they serve to show the principles upon which the emigrants acted, and in part the manner in which they were obliged to proceed in making their settlement. The circumstances in which they were placed, gave in no small degree a direction to the measures which they adopted in the management of their affairs, while always governed by the principles which led them to forsake their native land, and form a colony in the wilderness.

Baylies says of the emigrants, that, "finding a place where much land had been cleared in the neighborhood of a small but pleasant stream," &c., "and of a high hill which could be fortified in a manner so as to command the surrounding country, they resolved to lay out a town."† But Bradford does not use this phraseology at that date. He calls the settlement, in the first instance, a plantation; and it was not until the latter part of 1621, when describing the measures for defence against the Indians, he says, "This was accomplished very cheerfully, and the towne impayled round by the beginning of March."‡ In another place he speaks of an "Indian towne;" from which it is apparent that he uses the term merely to express the idea of a compact settlement, and with no reference to any organization.

It was their first duty to maintain religious observances and worship; and the second was that of good order, not only in things spiritual, but temporal also.

For several years these powers of government were exerted upon a single community only.

The original design being to establish a trading settlement, or factory as it is sometimes called, their first arrangement was that of partnership.§ Every man's person was valued at ten pounds; besides which, those who were able contributed in money and goods, and the profits were to be shared according to the interest of each in the common stock. The lands were also held in common, and assigned in small parcels for cultivation from year to year.

\* Bradford's Hist., 372.

† 2 Hutch., 416, 417.

‡ 1 Baylies' Memoir, 60.

§ Bradford's Hist., pp. 95, 106, 112.

Although nothing appears to have been done under the patent to Pierce, it serves to show that at that time it was in contemplation not only to grant lands in severalty, but it indicates what was supposed to be the proper extent of ordinary grants. The cultivation of the lands under a title held in common, by the people at Plymouth, was originally intended as an arrangement for seven years; but it proved an incentive to idleness instead of industry; and, after a trial of two or three years, an acre of land was allotted to each in severalty, "to them and theirs as near the town as might be."\* This occupation in severalty made a great change in the industry of the people, and of course in the production of the necessaries of life;† and, in January, 1627, it was agreed in full court, "that the first division of the acres should stand and continue firm, according to the former division made unto the possessors thereof and to their heirs forever; free liberty being reserved to get firewood thereon;" but the timber-trees were excepted for the owners of the ground. At the same time a second division of twenty acres to every person was made.‡ Perhaps this limited experience had its effect in inducing a different mode of dividing the land in the early settlement of the colony of Massachusetts Bay.

It appears very clearly from this statement, that the early settlers at Plymouth had very moderate desires respecting the acquisition of real estate. They set up trading-houses on the Kennebec and Penobscot, and settlements were found at Scituate about 1628 (although the lands were not laid out "by order of court" until 1633),§ and at Duxbury about 1632, the settlers "promising to live in the town [Plymouth] in the winter, that they might the better repair to the worship of God."|| The Plymouth colony, as we should expect under such circumstances, did not increase with great rapidity.

The whole colony constituted but one church, and there was but one town until 1633, when those who were on the side of the bay opposite to the town, (the place where Duxbury now is,) as Hutchinson says, "broke from the rest, because of the difficulty of travel, and became a distinct society."¶ It is mentioned, however, in the records of the colony, in November of this year, as "in the liberties of Plymouth" (p. 20).

The settlement at Scituate had had a minister prior to 1634, and in that year a society was organized and a minister settled (Jan. 18, 1634, O. S.). A house for public worship was erected some years earlier.\*\*

When these settlements became separated from the settlement at

\* Bradford's Hist., 167; 1 Baylies' Memoir, 158.

† 11 Plymouth Col. Records, 4; Col. Laws Brigham's ed., 29.

|| Winsor's Hist. Duxbury, 10.

¶ 2 Hutch. Hist., 415.

‡ 2 Hutch., 419, 420.

§ Dean's Hist. Scituate, 8.

\*\* Dean's Hist. Scituate, 20.

Plymouth, by an organization for the separate support of the gospel, it was the natural course of things that they should become separated for the management of their local temporal affairs; and this was probably done in the first instance without particular authority, but was soon authorized by acts of incorporation, which constituted them separate towns; and thus they had legal power to manage such of their affairs as were purely local, and to make by-laws for that purpose (subject, however, to such laws and regulations as should be made by the General Court), the freemen of these new towns still remaining members of that court.

The emigrants had escaped from the tyranny of ecclesiastical power. The principle for which they contended was liberty to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences. Of course, when they associated together for the purpose of supporting public worship, it was "a church without a bishop;" its creed, polity, and proceedings being regulated by the voices or votes of the members of the church, subject to some extent to the great body of the churches when met in council. This is the fundamental law of Congregational action. The principle that the right to rule is in the people, and not transmitted by succession in office, or by hereditary descent, was, of course, the principle which governed the companies in England in their temporal affairs. The founders of the colony at Plymouth applied it to their community by their compact, and founded "a state without a king," so far as their immediate government was concerned. So far as they acted under their charters afterwards, the principle was the same. And this was true also of the colony of Massachusetts. The emigrants acted, indeed, under the authority of companies which had procured grants from the king; but there was no officer deputed by the royal authority to govern or direct their affairs. The freemen of the colony,—those who were admitted to participate in its government,—assembled in General Court, consulted and directed what should be done, and their orders and ordinances became the laws of the colony. These laws were at first made by and for the inhabitants of a single settlement or town. As the settlements extended, the single community remained, under this single rule in relation to all their affairs, until it became not only a great inconvenience for those in the new settlements in the vicinity to attend the church at Plymouth; but the necessity for so doing ceased by the ability of the other settlements to provide a minister for themselves, and sustain public worship. And when they were able to do this, they had their particular local interests, which they could best understand and provide for. There was then not only no necessity that they should go to Plymouth to procure orders and

rules for the regulation of such of their affairs as were entirely local, but there was no reason why the inhabitants of Plymouth should have a voice in the direction of such matters. It was not consistent with the principle upon which the colony was founded, that it should be so. That principle required, that, while they should remain a part of the whole, and be subject to the general voice in relation to all matters which concerned the whole colony they should be allowed to be what their separate settlements had made them: viz., distinct communities, in regard to such affairs as concerned none but themselves; and this was accomplished by acts of incorporation, passed by the whole body in General Court, which recognized them as towns, and gave them the general powers of corporations.

Originating, however, in this necessity and propriety that the people thus separated by distinct settlements should manage their local concerns, this was only a part of the purpose of their organization. There were divers things to be done which concerned the general welfare, and which at the same time would or might promote the local interest of these settlements; and other things, which, while they were mainly of public concernment, (and for which therefore the rule ought to be determined by the general authority of the colony,) could be more conveniently done and performed by these local organizations. And the performance of these things could be, and was therefore, required of them. It was made a part of their duty, and penal consequences attached to the non-performance. And thus there grew up a system of government, embracing two jurisdictions; administered by the same people; the colonial government, having jurisdiction over the whole colony, administered by the great body of the freemen, through officers elected and appointed by them; and the town governments, having limited local jurisdiction, such as was conceded to them by the colonial government, administered by the inhabitants within the towns, through officers and agents chosen by them. In some respects they were like the borough towns in England. In others, entirely dissimilar.

At a General Court held in October, 1633, "it was by full consent agreed upon and enacted, that the chief government be tied to the town of Plymouth, and that the Governor for the time being be tied there to keep his residence and dwelling; and there also to hold such courts as concern the whole."\* This indicates an extension of the settlements.

Few of the early regulations have been preserved.† But in 1632 it

\* Plymouth Col. Records, 16.

† Bayles says, "It is not known that they had any written law during this period," (to 1630); vol. i. p. 159. But the subsequent edition of the Colony Laws contains between two and three pages.



was enacted, "in regard to our dispersion so far asunder, and the inconvenience that may befall, that every inhabitant provide himself a sufficient musket or other serviceable piece for war," and a certain quantity of ammunition.\* In 1633 it was enacted that every constable-rick have a sufficient pound to impound cattle that shall transgress any such orders as are or shall be made.† The constable-rick seems to have been the territorial division in which the constable was empowered to exercise his duties and powers, and might be a ward or a town. In January, 1633, a constable and messenger was chosen for Plymouth, a constable for the ward of A bounded, &c.; and a constable for the ward of Scituate. In January, 1634-35, it was agreed that the constables of Duxbury and Scituate should remain in their place another year; and in 1635 others were chosen.

In October, 1634, certain persons were appointed for laying out highways "for Duxbury side," and others for "Plymouth." And in March, 1635-36, it was ordered "that at such convenient time as shall seem meet to the Governor and Council, upon warning given to all men meet together for the mending of the highways, with such tools and instruments as shall be appointed."‡

In 1636, at a General Court held in October, "the ordinances of the colony and corporation being read, divers were found worthy the reforming, others the rejecting, and others fit to be instituted and made; it was therefore ordered and agreed, that four for the town of Plymouth, two for Scituate, and two for Duxbury, should, as committees for the whole, be added to the governor and assistants, to rectify and prepare such as should be thought most convenient, that, if approved, they may be put in force the next General Court."§ This may be regarded as the first convention for revising the laws; and we have here a representation from the plantations, or settlements, not yet arrived at the dignity of towns, which was to report a draft for the consideration of the General Court.

In the revision, which was made in November of the same year on the report of the committee, it was enacted "that the town of Plymouth, viz., the purchasers and freemen, have liberty of themselves to dispose of the lands that are or shall belong unto them, to such they think meet to receive in unto them. And also to make such orders for their convenient and more comfortable subsistence, as shall by them be thought most meet and convenient, provided they be not contrary to the public ordinance of the Government."

"That Scituate be allowed the like liberties, and to dispose of the grounds between the North River and Cowehasset, provided they

\* 11 Plymouth Col. Records, 14; Col. Laws, 31.

† 11 Plymouth Col. Records, 16, 200; Col. Laws, 34.

‡ 1 Plymouth Col. Records, 21, 31, 32, 36, 39.

§ 1 Plymouth Col. Records, 43.

have a recourse to Plymouth in case of justice."\* This shows that freeholders as well as freemen might vote in the town meetings in relation to town affairs.

In June, 1637, it was enacted by the court that "Ducksborrow shall become a township and unite together for their better security, and have the privileges of a town; only their bounds and limits shall be set and appointed by the next court."†

We have thus the origin of the first three towns in the Plymouth colony.

It has been generally supposed, that, for many years after the settlement of New England, no one was permitted to participate in the election of officers, and in the making of the laws, but members of the church. This was not true of the Plymouth colony. There is nothing in the compact or charter, nor have I found any thing in the laws of the colony, requiring that as a qualification.

The compact constituted the signers of it an associated community, of which, as a matter of course, no other person could become a member without their consent.

The Great Patent to the Council at Plymouth expressly authorized the company, in their discretion, from time to time, to admit such and so many persons to be made free, and enabled to traffic, and to have and enjoy lands, as they should think fit.

By the first patent to Pierce and his associates, the Plymouth Company, calling themselves the President and Council of New England, not only covenanted to grant letters of incorporation, authorizing the grantees to make orders and laws for the rule and government of all persons to be transported and settled upon the land; but a clause was inserted by which it was made lawful for them, for their several defense and safety, to "expulse, repel, and resist, by force of arms," all such persons as, without the special license of the President and Council, should attempt to inhabit within the several precincts and limits of their plantation.

The charter to Bradford and his associates expressly conferred upon the grantees the power to make orders, &c., as well for the better government of their affairs, "and the receiving or admitting any to his or their society."

The power of exclusion from participation in the government of the colony was therefore perfect from the first; and they doubtless exercised it with a view of admission to the freedom of settlement and corporation, of such only as were deemed worthy. But they did not limit their discretion in the admission of freemen, by the adoption of any order or rule for a long period.

\*11 Plymouth Col. Records, 18; Col. Laws, Brigham's ed., 47.

†1 Plymouth Col. Records, 62; Winsor's Hist. Duxbury, 11.

In the revision of 1686, it was enacted, "that the laws and ordinance of the colony, for the government of the same, be made only by the freemen of the corporation, and no other; provided that, in such rates and taxations as are or shall be laid upon the whole, they be without partiality, so as the freemen be not spared for his freedom, but the levy be equal."\* Miles Standish was a very efficient freeman, but not a church-member. In 1656, it was ordered, that the deputies of the towns where persons live who are admitted to be freemen, "shall propound them to the court, being such as shall be also approved of by the freemen in such towns where they live;" and, in 1658, they were required to stand propounded one whole year.† In the same year it was enacted, "that no Quaker, Rantor, or any corrupt person, shall be admitted to be a freeman;" also "all such as are opposers of the good and wholesome laws of the colony, or manifest opposers of the true worship of God, or such as refuse to do the country service, being called thereunto," "being duly convicted of all or any of these." And it was further enacted, "that if any person or persons that are or shall be freemen of this corporation, that are Quakers; or such as are manifest encouragers of them, and so judged by the Court; or such as shall speak contemptuously of the Court and of the laws thereof; and such as judged by the Court grossly scandalous, as liars, drunkards, swearers, &c., shall lose their freedom of this corporation."‡ The provision excluding Quakers and ranters from admission would have been entirely unnecessary, if church-membership had been requisite.

In the revision of the laws, published in 1671, it was required, in order to be admitted a freeman, that the party should be twenty-one years of age, have the testimony of his neighbors that he was of sober and peaceable conversation, orthodox in the fundamentals of religion, and have at least twenty pounds rateable estate. This is requiring something more, as well as something less, than church-membership.

The next section placed a restriction upon the right of suffrage in relation to town-officers. The provision, with its preamble, is deserving of quotation entire: "And because it greatly concerns the good and weal of the whole Colony to have a good choice made in the several towns of selectmen, deputies, grand-jurymen, constables, &c., and it appears that some do abuse their liberty in voting for the choice of such officers, and are either factious or slight in their choice, —it is therefore enacted, that henceforth none shall have power to vote on such accounts in town-meetings, but such as are freemen of the corporation, or free holders of twenty pounds rateable estate,

\* 11 Plymouth Col. Records, p. 11.    † 11 Col. Records, 68, 79.    ‡ 11 Col. Records, 177.

orthodox in the fundamentals of religion, of good conversation, and having taken the oath of fidelity." \*

The revision of 1636, before referred to, provides for the election of constables for each part, and other inferior officers. The oath of the constable describes him as an officer of the "ward;" and he was diligently to see that His Majesty's peace commanded be not broken, to apprehend suspicious persons, to serve warrants and summons directed to him, "to see the highways for man and beast be made and kept in convenient repair, and therefore be also appointed surveyor for the liberty he is chosen," &c. By the same code it was provided, "that in every constable-rick there be a pair of stocks erected. Also a cage, which shall be of competent strength to detain a prisoner, and a whipping-post; and these to be erected in such places as shall be thought meet by the several neighborhoods where they concern, upon the penalty X<sup>s</sup> for any township which shall be defective herein." †

In January, 1636,—before the incorporation, it would seem, although recorded after,—it was ordered that the inhabitants of Plymouth should "have liberty to meet together to make orders for the herding of their cattle, and such other things as shall be needful for their more neighborly living together." In 1639, a like provision was enacted "for all the townships" "allowed or to be allowed." ‡

In September, 1638, it was enacted that the inhabitants of Scituate should build a bridge over South River; that the inhabitants of Sandwich and Yarmouth should build one over Eel River; and that the inhabitants of the townships of Plymouth and Duxbury should build one over Jones's River.§

In March, 1639, reciting that the townships had formerly had liberty to meet and make town-orders, which were thought to be defective, "for that they conceived they had not power to make assessments, rates, and taxes, for raising such necessary expenses as shall be disbursed about the general occasions of the town concerning the Commonwealth,"—it was enacted, "that every township shall have liberty to meet together and make levies, rates, and taxes, for their town's charges, and to distrain such as shall refuse to pay the same, upon warrant of the Court or Governor." The next year it was provided, that, where persons had relief from the towns, and had children and did not employ them, the towns might take order that the children should be put to work in some fitting employment, or placed out by the towns; also that every township should provide a barrel of powder, and lead or bullets answerable, to be kept ready for defence

\* Plymouth Col. Laws, Brigham's ed., 258.

† 11 Plymouth Col. Records, 10, 11, 16; Col. Laws, Brigham's ed., 37, 40, 41.

‡ 11 Plymouth Col. Records, 25, 32.

§ 11 Col. Records, 23.

in time of need. In 1641, it was enacted that every township do carry a competent number of pieces, fixed and complete, with powder, shot, and swords, every Lord's Day, to the meetings. And, in 1642, it was required that all the towns make wolf-traps and bait them, and look to them daily, upon the penalty of ten shillings for every trap which should be neglected. The number to be made by each town was specified.\*

The next year, provision was made against bringing into any town any person whose support might become chargeable to the town; that every person that lived, and was quietly settled, in any township, and not excepted against within three months, should be reputed an inhabitant [gain a settlement]; and that every township should make competent provision for the maintenance of its poor.†

We have here some of the original powers and duties to be exercised and performed by the towns and their officers, upon their incorporation. They are, it is perceived, of a very miscellaneous character. Other powers, privileges, and duties were added from time to time, as it became apparent that these organizations were adapted to their exercise and performance. And so changes have been made since, as occasion seemed to require. The duty of keeping the stocks and the whipping-post has been abolished by the humanity of later times. That of keeping the *cage* [jail] has been transferred to the counties. The maintenance of the wolf-traps is no longer required.

In March, 1638, complaint having been made that the freemen were put to many inconveniences and great expenses by their continual attendance at the courts, it was enacted, "that every town shall make choice of two of their freemen, and the town of Plymouth of four, to be committees or deputies to join with the Bench [Court of Assistants], to enact and make all such laws and ordinances as shall be judged to be good and wholesome for the whole. Provided that the laws they do enact shall be propounded one court, to be considered upon until the next court, and then to be confirmed, if they shall be approved of (except the case require present confirmation). And that if any act shall be confirmed by the Bench and committees, which, upon further deliberation, shall prove prejudicial to the whole, that the freemen at the next election court, after meeting together, may repeal the same, and enact any other that may be useful to the whole. And that every township shall bear their committee's charges, and that such as are not freemen, but have taken the oath of fidelity, and are masters of families and inhabitants of the said towns, as they are to bear their part in the charges of their committees, so to have a vote in the choice of them, provided they choose

\* 11 Plymouth Col. Records, 25, 28, 53, 36, 38.

† 11 Col. Records, 40, 41.

them only from the freemen of the said town whereof they are ; but, if any of such committees shall be insufficient or troublesome, that then the Bench and the other committees may dismiss them, and the town to choose other freemen in their place.”\*

Such was the foundation of the system of representation in the legislative department of the Plymouth colony. The representatives were not chosen by the freemen alone, but inhabitants of the towns who were masters of families and had taken the oath of fidelity had an equal right to participate in the election, while freemen only could be elected. General Courts, for the election of the officers of the colony, continued to be held yearly : the freemen who could not conveniently attend being allowed to give in their votes for Governor, assistants, commissioners, and treasurer, in the town-meetings, sealed up, which were then to be taken by the deputies to the General Court, and counted with those of the freemen who were present.† If some of the principal elements of this system could be incorporated into our present system, State and National, and faithfully enforced, there would be less reason for exception to the proceedings of our legislative bodies, and the laws would have a greater measure of stability.

In 1639 a General Court was held, at which deputies attended from seven towns.†

In 1641 there were eight towns ; in 1658, twelve.§

A representative system was introduced into the Massachusetts colony at an earlier date, by reason of the more rapid increase of that colony.

The settlements in the Massachusetts colony commenced in a different manner,—dispersed in the outset, so that the separation into towns, which, as we have seen was arrived at in the Plymouth colony by slow degrees, took place at once, by reason of the transfer of the government of the plantation to New England, and a greater emigration ; and from the nature and necessities of the case.

Through fishing and other voyages, divers persons—some in companies, some singly—had, prior to 1629, settled within the limits of what was subsequently the Massachusetts colony.||

The charter of “the Governor and Company of Massachusetts Bay in New England,” granted by Charles I., March 4, 1628–9, under which the settlements were afterwards made in this colony, was, so far as our present inquiry is concerned, substantially like that to the Plymouth Company granted by James. The differences are hardly worth noting in detail. The grantees and their associates were con-

\* 11 Plymouth Col. Records, 31.

† 1 Plymouth Col. Records, 126.

‡ See Hubbard's Hist. of New England; 5 Coll. Mass. Hist. Soc., 2nd series, 124.

§ 11 Plymouth Col. Records, 81.

|| See 11 Plymouth Col. Records, 37, 182.

stituted a body politic and corporate. Reciting a grant by the Plymouth Company, in England, of a tract of land between the Merrimack River and Charles River, &c., it granted and confirmed that grant in fee. The lands were to be held in free and common socage. A Governor, Deputy-governor and assistants were to be elected out of the freemen, for one year, who were to hold courts. And a Great and General Court was to be holden by the officers and freemen of the company, at which officers were to be elected and freemen might be admitted. Ample power was given to this General Court to make laws, ordinances, &c. All the subjects of the realm inhabiting there, were to have and enjoy all liberties and immunities of free and natural subjects.

The proceedings under the charter show that it was contemplated that the lands should be granted, in small parcels, to those who adventured in the company, and those who settled in the colony.

At a General Court held in London, April 30, 1629, it was ordered that thirteen of the most wise, honest, expert, and discreet persons, resident upon the plantation, should have the managing and ordering of the Government, to be entitled "The Governor and Council of London plantation of Massachusetts Bay, in New England." John Endicott was chosen Governor, and seven persons to be of the council. They were authorized to choose three others; "and, to the end that the former planters there may have no just occasion of exception, as being excluded out of the privileges of the company," it was ordered that such of them as were willing to live within the limits of the plantation should be "authorized to make choice of two, such as they shall think fit," to make up the number of twelve of the Council.\*

It was further agreed on and ordered that the Governor for the time being, and the Deputy-governor in his absence, should have power to call courts and meetings, in places and at times convenient, as to his discretion should seem meet; and that the Governor or Deputy, together with the Council, being assembled, or the greater number of them, whereof the Governor or Deputy should be one, were "authorized by this act, grounded on the power derived from His Majesty's charter, to make, ordain, and establish, all manner of wholesome and reasonable laws, orders, ordinances, and constitutions (so as the same be no way repugnant or contrary to the laws of the realm of England), for the administering of justice upon malefactors, and inflicting condign punishment upon all other offenders; and for the furtherance and propagating of the said plantation, and the more decent and orderly government of the inhabitants resident there."†

\* 1 Records of Mass., 38, 361.

† 1 Records of Mass., 364.

Under this arrangement, a settlement was made at Salem. In May, provision was made for granting lands. It appears from the record that this was done with a view to building a town.\*

On the 29th of August, of the same year, it was determined that the patent and government should be transferred to New England, and settled there; and John Winthrop was elected Governor, Oct. 20.

The first Court of Assistants appears by the records to have been held at Charlton (Charlestown), Aug. 23, 1630, about two months after the arrival of Governor Winthrop and those who accompanied him. At this court, "Impr., it was propounded how the ministers should be maintained. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Phillips only propounded. It was ordered that houses be built for them at the public charge. Sir Richard Staltonstall undertook to see it done at his plantation for Mr. Phillips, and Mr. Governor at the other plantation for Mr. Wilson." After specifying the particulars of the maintenance, it is added, "All this to be at the common charge, those of Mattapan and Salem only excepted." †

Thomas Dudley, one of the Assistants, and afterwards Governor, writing to the Countess of Lincoln, in March, 1631, gives reasons why "we were forced to change counsel, and for our present shelter to plant dispersedly, some at Charlestown, which standeth on the north side of the mouth of Charles River, some on the south side thereof, which place we named Boston (as we intended to have done the place we first resolved on); some of us upon the Mistic which we named Meadford; some of us westward, on Charles River, four miles from Charlestown, which place we named Watertown; others of us two miles from Boston, in a place we named Roxbury; others upon the river of Sawgus, between Salem and Charlestown; and the western men four miles south from Boston, at a place we named Dorchester. This dispersion," he adds, "troubled some of us, but help it we could not, wanting ability to remove to any place fit to build a town upon; and the time too short to deliberate any longer, least the winter should surprise us before we had builded our houses." ‡

At a Court of Assistants, Sept. 7, it was "ordered that Trimountain shall be called Boston; Mattapan, Dorchester; and the town upon Charles River, Waterton." § Also ordered, that no person should plant in any place within the limits of the patent, without leave from the Governor and assistants, or the major part of them. "And that a warrant shall presently be sent to Aggawam to command those that

\* 1 Records of Mass., 43, 363, 364.

† 1 Records of Mass., 73.

‡ See 3 Coll. Mass. Hist. Soc., First Series, 39; Young's *Chronicles of Massachusetts*, 313; Hubbard's *Hist.*, 135.

§ Some of the subsequent acts of incorporation are models of brevity: "Wessacumcon is allowed to be a plantation." Its name was changed to Newbury. "Winnacunnet is allowed to be a town."



are planted there forthwith to come away." Sept. 28, constables were chosen by the Court of Assistants for Salem and Dorchester, "to continue in office for a year, and after, until new be chosen." At the same time it was ordered, that there should be collected and levied by distress, out of the several plantations, for the maintenance of Mr. Patrick and Mr. Underhill, the sum of 50l., which sum was proportioned among Charlton, Boston, Dorchester, Roxbury, Watertown, Medford, Salem, Wessaguscus, and Natascett. On the 30th of November, there was a similar assessment upon a part of these towns and upon Winnett-semett, for the maintenance of Mr. Wilson and Mr. Phillips.\*

At a General Court, May 18, 1631, Winthrop was chosen Governor, and Dudley Deputy-governor, for the year ensuing. And it was "ordered, with full consent of all the commons then present, that once in every year at least a General Court shall be holden, at which it shall be lawful for the commons to propound any person or persons whom they shall desire to be chosen Assistants; and, if it be doubtful whether it be the greater part of the commons or not, it shall be put to the poll. The like course to be holden when they, the said commons, shall see cause, for any defect or misbehavior, to remove any one or more of the Assistants; and, to the end the body of commons may be preserved of honest and good men, it was likewise ordered and agreed, that for time to come no man shall be admitted to the freedom of this body politic, but such as are members of some of the churches within the limits of the same."† In September, 1635, it was "ordered that none but freemen shall have any vote in any town, in any action of authority or necessity, or that belongs to them by virtue of their freedom, as receiving inhabitants, and laying out lots, &c."‡ This is, perhaps, the first interference, by the General Court, with the authority of the inhabitants of the towns to manage such of their affairs as were of a strictly local character.

\* 1 Records of Mass., 75, 76, 77, 82.

† 1 Records of Mass., 87.

‡ 1 Records of Mass., 161. Peterson, in his "History of Rhode Island," quotes from an article in the "American Quarterly Review," of June, 1835, in which the reviewer, speaking of the "superstition, bigotry, and intolerance" of "our ancestors," says, "Let us look for a moment to the Pilgrim Fathers, to the colony at Plymouth. Speaking of them, a judicious writer observes;"—and then follows what purports to be a long extract in relation to the Massachusetts colony, containing this paragraph: "The first General Court was held at Charlestown, on board the ship "Arabella." A law was passed, declaring that none should be admitted as freemen, or be entitled to any share in the government, or even to serve as jurymen, except those who had been received as members of the church; *by which measure every person whose mind was not of a particular structure, or accidentally impressed with peculiar ideas, was at once cast out of society, and stripped of his civic rights.*"—See Peterson's Hist. of R. I., pp. 22, 23; Amer. Quar. Review, No. 34, N. S., p. 327.

The mixing up, by the reviewer and the historian, of the "Pilgrim Fathers" of the Plymouth colony, with the proceedings of the "Puritans" in the Massachusetts colony, is bad enough. But this is not the worst error. The Pilgrim Fathers, as we have seen, never adopted the rule, that, in order to be a freeman, the candidate must be a member of the church. There is no good reason to suppose that the first General Court of the Massachusetts colony (Oct. 19, 1630), was held on board the "Arabella."—See 1 Winthrop's Hist., Say-

There had been, before that time, in addition to the apportionment of taxes upon the towns for the support of ministers, assessments upon them for the making of a creek at the "new-town" (Cambridge), and for the making of a palisado about it, in anticipation of its becoming the seat of government. The towns had also been required to furnish arms to those of their inhabitants who were unable; to provide certain weights and measures; to repair fences which had been adjudged by the inhabitants insufficient, if the owner did not after warning, the owner being made liable to pay the charges. It was ordered, also, in 1634, that the constable and four or more of the chief inhabitants of every town, to be chosen by the freemen there, should make surveys of corn fields, mowing-grounds, and other lands, improved or inclosed, or granted by special order of the Court, of every free inhabitant there; and should enter the same in a book, and deliver a transcript thereof unto the Court, that it might be recorded, and be a sufficient assurance of title. In less than a year afterwards, it was agreed that those which are not freemen, that had taken or should take the oaths of fidelity, should have the same assurance of land as was provided for freemen.\* The bounds of towns also were established by the Court of Assistants, and differences between them determined.

Thus far the settlements have been in advance of the laying out of the towns. But, in 1635, it was "ordered that there shall be a plantation settled about two miles above the falls of Charles River, on the north-east side thereof, to have the grounds lying to it on both sides of the river, both upland and meadow, to be laid out hereafter as the Court shall appoint."†

In 1634, it was ordered that the constable of every plantation should, upon process received from the secretary, give notice to the freemen of the plantation to send so many of their members as the process should direct, to attend upon public service; and it was agreed, that no trial should pass upon any for life or banishment, but by a jury so summoned or by the General Court.‡

In 1635, reciting that "whereas particular towns have many things which concern only themselves and the ordering of their own affairs,

age's ed., 35, note 4. Where the Court was held, however, is unimportant. Officers could not be chosen at the Court of Assistants, held Aug. 23, 1630, even under the order of the Company in England of April 30, 1629. The right of election was in the General Court. But no order making church-membership a requisite to admission as a freeman was passed until near nine months after Aug. 23, 1630; and none which limited voting in town affairs, generally, to the freemen, until five years after that time.

Even in Rhode Island, not only the franchise, but ownership, was restricted. Peterson says of the proprietors there: "Those whom they considered turbulent and unruly, they would not admit to ownership, or to exercise the privileges of freemen."—Hist. of R. I., 34.

For the rule in the Connecticut and New Haven colonies, see 2 Palfrey's Hist. N. E., 8; New Haven Col. Records, Hoadly's ed., 14, 15.

\* 1 Records of Mass., 137.

† 1 Records of Mass., 156.

‡ 1 Records of Mass., 118.

and disposing of business in their own town, it was ordered, that the freemen of every town, or the major part of them, shall only have power to dispose of their own lands and woods, with all the privileges and appurtenances of the said towns; to grant lots and make such orders as may concern the well ordering of their own towns, not repugnant to the laws and orders here established by the General Court; as also to lay mullets and penalties for the breach of their orders, and to levy and distrain the same, not exceeding the sum of twenty shillings; also to choose their own particular officers, as constables, surveyors for the highways, and the like." \*

In 1638, it was declared, that every inhabitant in any town was liable to contribute to all charges, both in church and commonwealth, whereof he did or might receive benefit; and that every inhabitant who did not voluntarily contribute, proportionably to his ability, with other freemen of the same town, to all common charges, as well for upholding the ordinances in the churches as otherwise, should be compelled thereto by assessment and distress, to be levied by the constable or other officer of the town as in other cases.†

The preceding orders, so far as they limit the right of voting to the freemen, were modified in 1647, when the General Court—"taking into consideration the useful parts and abilities of divers inhabitants amongst us which are not freemen, which, if improved to public use, the affairs of this commonwealth may be the easier carried an end, in the several towns of this jurisdiction"—declared that it should be lawful for the freemen in any town "to make choice" of such inhabitants, though non-freemen, who have taken or should take the oath of fidelity to this government; to be jurymen, and to have their vote in the choice of the selectmen for town affairs, assessment of rates, and other prudentials proper to the selectmen of the several towns; provided still that the major part of all companies of selectmen be freemen from time to time that shall make any valid act: as also, where no selectmen are, to have their vote in the ordering of schools, herding of cattle, laying out of highways, and distributing of lands; "provided also that no non-freeman shall have his vote until he have attained the age of twenty-four years."‡

In 1649, it was ordered that, in issuing warrants for jurymen, respect should be had to the number of inhabitants in each town.§

Prior to that period, we find further, that highways might be laid out and established by the town authorities; that it was the duty of the towns to make and keep in repair highways and bridges, and that they were liable for all damages sustained by defects in the highways; that towns of fifty householders should have a school, and towns of

\* 1 Records of Mass., 172.

† 2 Records of Mass., 197.

‡ 1 Records of Mass., 240.

§ 2 Records of Mass., 285.

one hundred families or householders should set up a grammar school, the master thereof being able to instruct youth so far that they might be fitted for the university,—the several towns being liable to a penalty for non-performance;—that they might purchase and hold a parsonage; and were to elect officers of the train-bands, which were the militia in the town.

The privileges, and more especially the duties, of these corporations have been extended from time to time since that period.

Having ascertained the mode in which the towns came into existence as corporations, and thereby obtained the power to make by-laws, and the other powers incident to a corporate existence; and how, at the same time and subsequently, they were subjected to the performance of particular duties, and received grants of privileges,—the change, by and through which the General Court of the Massachusetts colony was no longer composed of the great body of the freemen of the colony, but of deputies (or, as is now generally said, representatives), elected by the towns, may well demand our attention.

The charter, as we have seen, provided that there should be “a Great and General Court.” This Court was to be holden four times in each year, by the Governor or Deputy-governor, and such of the Assistants, not less than six, and the freemen, who should be present; and had power to admit freemen, elect officers, and make laws. This was attended with no material inconvenience, so long as the Company was a body of “adventurers,” residing in England, making the laws there, and acting by officers and agents for the purpose of disposing of land, and trading in furs, &c., in New England.

But when it was perceived, that the project of settling a colony required a government within the colony, and it was debated whether it was not expedient that the charter and government should be transferred to New England, the government of the Company established there, and the settlers admitted as freemen,—it must have become apparent, that the success of the enterprise would enlarge the number of freemen to such an extent, that it would be impracticable for the great body of them to meet together, elect members and officers, and make the laws; and that some other constitution of a legislative body was desirable. This consideration probably had its weight, along with others, in leading to the adoption of that part of the order of April 30, 1629, by which it was agreed on and ordered, that the Governor or Deputy-governor together with the Council, to be organized under that order, were authorized by that act, “grounded on the power derived from his Majesty’s charter, to make, ordain, and establish all manner of wholesome and reasonable laws, orders,” &c.

Notwithstanding there was nothing in the charter on which to ground such a provision, it does not appear to have met with any immediate opposition. On the contrary, we find that, at a General Court held at Boston, Oct. 19, 1630, "For the establishing of the government. It was propounded if it were not the best course that the freemen should have the power of choosing assistants, when there are to be chosen; and the assistants, from amongst themselves, to choose a Governor and Deputy-governor, who, with the assistants, should have the power of making laws, and choosing officers to execute the same. This was fully assented to by the general vote of the people and erection of hands."\* How it happened that such an attempt to depart from the charter, in a fundamental point, should have been assented to by a general vote of the people interested, does not appear.

Mr. Savage in a note to Winthrop's "History," says, "The company, or great body of the colony corporation, submitted at first to the mild and equal temporary usurpation of the officers chosen by themselves, which was also justified by undisputable necessity."†

The reason is not very material. If there was indifference, it did not last long. At a General Court, held May 14, 1634, it was "agreed that none but the General Court hath power to choose and admit freemen."—"That none but the General Court hath power to make and establish laws, nor to elect and appoint officers as governor, deputy-governor, assistants, treasurer, secretary, captain, lieutenants, ensigns, or any of like moment, or to remove such upon misdemeanor; as also to set out the duties and powers of the said officers,"—"That none but the General Court hath power to raise monies and taxes and to dispose of lands, viz., to give and confirm proprieties."

At the same court it was agreed, that a fine should be set upon the Court of Assistants and Mr. Mayhew, "for breach of an order of court against employing Indians to shoot with pieces;" one-half to be paid by the Court of Assistants, then in being, who gave the leave.‡ The margin of the record shows that the fine was remitted. These proceedings evidently show a determination on the part of the freemen to assert their rights of government, and to hold the Court of Assistants to a strict responsibility. Is it unreasonable to suppose, that the spirit which dictated these acts had been fostered by the exercise of the power of making by-laws and orders, and transacting business under their town organizations?

At the same General Court it was "further ordered, that it shall be lawful for the freemen of every plantation to choose two or three

\* Records of Mass., 79.

† Winthrop's Hist., Savage's ed., 85, note.

‡ 1 Records of Mass., 117, 118. See also 1 Barry's Hist., of Massachusetts, chap. viii, p. 204.

of each town before every General Court, to confer of and prepare such public business as by them shall be thought fit to consider of at the next General Court; and that such persons as shall be hereafter so deputed by the freemen of all the several plantations, to deal in their behalf in the public affairs of the commonwealth, shall have the full power and voices of the said freemen, derived to them for the making and establishing of laws, granting of lands, &c., and to deal in all other affairs of the commonwealth wherein the freemen have to do; the matter of the election of magistrates and other officers only excepted, wherein every freeman is to give his own voice." \*

Here we have the system of representation, which was two years afterwards introduced into the colony of Plymouth.

In September, 1636, the representation was limited and proportioned among the towns by an order "that, hereafter, no town in the plantation that hath not ten freemen resident in it shall send any deputy to the General Courts; those that have above ten and under twenty, not above one; betwixt twenty and forty, not above two; and those that have above forty, three, if they will, but not above." †

This system of town representation was continued substantially for more than two centuries, and was finally abandoned in 1857, and a district system substituted, because, the smaller towns having one member and the larger a proportionate number, the representative body became too large for the convenient transaction of business, and the expense of maintaining it an unnecessary tax. In 1635, it was ordered that the deputies should be elected by papers [ballots], as the Governor was chosen.‡

In March, 1643-4, it was "ordered, first that the magistrates may sit and act business by themselves, by drawing up bills and orders which they shall see good in their wisdom; which having agreed upon, they may present to the deputies to be considered of, how good and wholesome such orders are for the country, and accordingly to give their assent or dissent: the deputies in like manner sitting apart by themselves, and consulting about such orders and laws as they in their discretion and experience shall find meet for common good;

\* 1 Records of Mass., 118; 1 Winthrop's Hist., 157. Hutchinson says, "At a General Court for elections, in 1634, twenty-four of the principal inhabitants appeared as the representatives of the body of freemen, and, before they proceeded to the election of magistrates, the people asserted their right to a greater share in the government than had hitherto been allowed to them."—1 Hutchinson, Hist. of Mass., 39. This has been supposed to indicate that these twenty-four persons "declared themselves to be the representatives of the body of the freemen, the freemen having assented;" that "it was a voluntary organization, or, as it were, a Committee of Safety to frame government."—Debates in the Convention of Massachusetts in 1853, 4to ed., vol. i. p. 473; 8vo ed., vol. i. p. 910. But this is not probable. The "twenty-four persons," supposing that they appeared, probably came exercising their own rights as freemen, and claiming that in what they said they spoke the sentiments of the freemen, and represented them in that sense.

† 1 Records of Mass., 178.

‡ Records of Mass., 157.

which agreed upon by them, they may present to the magistrates, who, according to their wisdom, having seriously considered of them, may consent unto them or disallow them; and when any orders have passed the approbation of both magistrates and deputies, then such orders to be engrossed, and, in the last day of the court, to be read deliberately, and full assent to be given; provided, also, that all matters of judicature which this court shall take cognizance of shall be issued in like manner."\* Thus this town representation became a distinct branch of legislation and judicature, the legislative body being divided into two branches, with a negative upon each other. If the wisdom, discretion, experience, and deliberation, mentioned in this order, could be secured at the present day, our laws would be much more likely to be "good and wholesome" for the country.

The particular manner in which the towns should organize does not appear to have been prescribed by law. Their officers were such as their business seemed to require, and their by-laws and regulations such as commended themselves to the judgment of the several communities, having doubtless a similarity in their main features. We derive some knowledge of their early proceedings from the Town Histories.

Charlestown was occupied immediately after the arrival of Governor Winthrop, and it was intended to build a "great town" there.

A skillful engineer was employed to "model and lay out the form of the town."†—As this seems for a time to have been regarded as the most important settlement, and many of the most distinguished of the emigrants settled there, its proceedings are of more than ordinary interest, as they probably furnished the model for those of other towns, and serve to elucidate their history. They furnish some intelligence which I have found nowhere else.

It was jointly agreed and concluded that each inhabitant have a two-acre lot to build upon. Afterward further divisions were made to the original settlers, and to others who became inhabitants.

There is a record of "the inhabitants that first settled in the place, and brought it into the denomination of an English Towne;" but it had little resemblance to an English town, except in the fact that it had streets, and was inhabited.

The inhabitants of Charlestown for a few years transacted all their local business in "town-meeting." Prior to any law making it a duty they provided for the support of their poor, &c. In 1634, they empowered a committee to lay out lots and make rates; and a committee to be at town-meetings, and assist in ordering their affairs. Probably the duty of this committee was to endeavor to give the

\* 2 Records of Mass., 53.

† History of Charlestown, 21.

right direction to the affairs, on account of differences of opinion; for in 1685, "in consideration of the great trouble and charge of the inhabitants by reason of the frequent meeting of the townsmen in general, and that, by reason of many men meeting, things were not so easily brought unto a joint issue," they made a compact, by which it was agreed by the townsmen jointly, "that eleven men, with the advice of pastor and teacher, desired in any case of conscience, shall entreat of all such business as shall concern the townsmen, the choice of officers excepted; and what they or the greater part of them shall conclude, the rest of the town willingly submit to as their own proper act." The eleven persons thus chosen were "to continue in this employment for one year."\*

We have here, I think, the origin of the management of the affairs of the towns by "selectmen," originally introduced by the agreement of the townsmen of Charlestown, and afterwards adopted into the laws of the colony.

The selectmen acted as assessors of taxes and overseers of the poor. Other town-officers were elected, some of them the same as those elected at the present day,—town-clerk, constables, surveyors of highways. Overseers of the fields were also elected, part of whose duty was that of the hogreeve of a subsequent period. But herdsmen and chimney sweepers are no longer known as town-officers.

In 1636, a schoolmaster was engaged by the town for a twelve-month,—eleven years prior to the law of Massachusetts compelling towns to maintain schools.† A schoolhouse was built in 1648.‡ There was an organization of the militia also, for there were trainings soon after the settlement.§ I have stated these particulars of what the people of Charlestown agreed and assumed to do, to show what the towns of New England have done, in a greater or less degree, from their earliest existence.

The histories of other towns are not so full and particular. But it appears from the history of Dedham that the inhabitants made a town-covenant, which "laid the foundation for making legitimate by-laws;"—that, having thus acquired the right in their aggregate capacity to make laws, they exercised it for three years; but, as the affairs of the plantation required monthly town-meetings, this diverted them from their necessary business, and in 1639 they delegated all their power to seven men, to be annually chosen."—"These seven men met monthly for many years, made necessary by-laws for the establishment of highways and fences, for the keeping of cattle and swine and horses; for keeping proper register of land-titles, and of births and marriages; for the support of schools and religion; for

\* History of Charlestown, 51.

† History of Charlestown, 97.

‡ History of Charlestown, 99, 65.

§ History of Charlestown, 94.



additional bounties for killing wolves and wildcats; for the extinguishment of Indian claims."\*

It is but reasonable to suppose, that the other towns which were founded about the same time—Newtown (afterwards Cambridge), Dorchester, Watertown, Boston, &c.—followed the lead of the "great town."

It seems that, in some of the earlier settlements, it was understood that the lands within the towns, the Indian title being extinguished, belonged to those who were authorized to settle them, partly to be divided among themselves, and partly to be granted to those who should join them. In others they were granted by the General Court. †

The first allotments of land, as we have seen, were quite small; and it excites no surprise therefore to learn, that in 1634 "those of Newtown complained of straitness for want of land, especially meadow, and desired leave of the court to look out either for enlargement or removal."‡ The same was true of settlers in other places; and this led to an extension of the settlements. §

In this respect, as in some others, it was doubtless true "that the appetite grew by what it fed on;" and that there was, for that reason, a disposition, even when a liberal allowance had been made, to "ask for more."

In a tract entitled "Good News from New England," printed in London, 1648, we find,—

"Most men, unlanded till this time, for large lands eager sue;  
Had not restraint knocked off their hands, too big their fermes had grew." ||

The wholesome restraint, however, which prevented the acquisition of overgrown territory, was continued. Substantial homesteads might be allowed to those who could improve them, and there were a few instances of large grants to some of the principal magistrates.

It is stated that in 1634, when a larger allotment of land was made in Charlestown, the largest share was two hundred and sixty acres, and the smallest ten acres. These grants of land were intended for actual settlers. There was an order in one of the divisions in that

\*Worthington's History of Dedham, 32, 33.—The town regulations extended to all matters of police.—Felt, in his "History of Ipswich," p. 37, refers to an order of May 11, 1644, the first part of which is, "It is ordered that all dogs, for the space of three weeks after the publishing hereof, shall have one leg tied up." The reason of this singular restraint was, that the people had manured their lands with fish, and the dogs, being of opinion that a more satisfactory appropriation might be made of the fish, did not pay due regard to this mode of cultivation. The latter part of the order was, "If a man refuse to tie up his dog's leg, and he be found scraping up fish in the cornfield, the owner shall pay twelve shillings, beside whatever damage the dog doth. But if any fish their house-lots, and receive damage by dogs, the owners of those house-lots shall bear the damage themselves."

† History of Charlestown, 54.

‡ Winthrop's Hist., Savage's ed., 157.

§ Haven's Cent. Discourse, (in Dedham Hist. Coll.), 9.

|| 1 Coll. Mass. Hist. Soc. 4th Series, 203.

town, that, if the lands granted were not occupied, they might be re-granted.

The *straitness* of the men of Newtown for want of land, "especially meadow," it would seem, led to the settlements on the Connecticut, at Hartford and its vicinity.\*

The colonial records of Connecticut commenced in 1636; but the original settlement being from Massachusetts, and the organization into townships being similar, it is not necessary to dwell upon the history of those settlements. The same may be said of New Haven and Rhode Island.

As the Indian title by occupancy was extinguished, either by purchase or by the extinguishment of the occupants, grants of townships were made by the General Court, from time to time, extending into the interior. These grants were made to numbers of persons, who associated together for the purpose of procuring them; and, unless otherwise expressed, each grantee became the owner of one share in the township. The grantees were called proprietors, or collectively "the proprietary," and had certain rights of a corporate character, suited to the purpose of dividing the lands among themselves; for which purpose they held proprietary meetings, and acted by major vote. The partition of the townships and sales by the owners severally, were better adapted to promote the speedy settlement of the lands than an attempt to sell by the proprietary, as general owner of the whole; for the reason, that this mode furnished the greater stimulus of individual interest in making sales and securing occupation.

The extension of the settlements is beautifully portrayed by Bryant:—

" Look now abroad: another race has filled  
These populous borders; wide the wood recedes,  
And towns shoot up, and fertile realms are tilled;  
The land is full of harvests and green meads;  
Streams numberless, that many a fountain feeds,  
Shine disembowered, and give to sun and breeze  
Their virgin waters; the full region leads  
New colonies forth, that, toward the Western seas,  
Spread, like a rapid flame, among the autumnal trees."

The early settlements of New Hampshire differed somewhat from those of Massachusetts.

The history of the conflicting grants, which were made from time to time, is foreign to our present purpose, which is with its mode of settlement rather than its title.

Captain John Mason—who, along with Sir Ferdinando Gorges, obtained the grant of all the lands between the rivers Merrimac and

\*1 Winthrop's Hist., 162, 167; Morton's Memorial, 181.

Sagadahoc, extending back to the great lakes and the River of Canada—seems to have contemplated, along with a fishing establishment, large agricultural operations, connected with the “great house,” which was probably designed for his own residence. It is said that three or four thousand acres of land were annexed to the house, which was built at Little Harbor, on the Piscataqua River, with the intention of forming a manor there, according to the English custom.

Hilton, another agent, who settled at Dover, had the power of granting lands. But subsequent events show, that here, as well as elsewhere, most of the settlements must have been made without any regular title to the land; and there was, for a long time, no government organized under any charter or commission.

The inhabitants of Portsmouth having, in 1640, entered into a social compact to establish a government among themselves, in the next year the settlements on the Piscataqua River and its branches were formed into distinct governments; so that there were existing, at the commencement of that year, four separate republics, independent of each other; namely, Portsmouth, Kittery, Dover, and Exeter;\*—that is, there were then four towns in that region which had all the powers of government in fact, by agreement, without any legal incorporation. The three former were settled with special reference to their fisheries; the latter for its salt marshes.

The evils attendant upon such a state of things is readily seen, and the consequence was a union with Massachusetts, which continued until about 1680; these towns, with Haverhill and Salisbury, forming the county of Norfolk. They were represented in the General Court of Massachusetts. I am not aware that Massachusetts assumed the right of granting lands in virtue of the union, which was jurisdictional rather than proprietary.

When the government of the colony of New Hampshire was organized, under the commission of President Cutts, in 1680, only these four towns are mentioned; and, although the settlements must at that time have extended considerably beyond their present limits, the representation in the first assembly was from them only.

But the Massachusetts colony claimed, under their charter, the right to a large tract north of the present northern line of the State; and made grants of townships under that claim, during the union, and afterwards, until the settlement of the boundary.

On the establishment of Mason's claim, townships were granted in a similar mode, by the Masonian proprietors.

The colonial governor, Benning Wentworth, made similar grants, beyond the Masonian curve line, upon certain conditions respecting

\*Adams's Annals of Portsmouth, 28.

settlement. These grants were usually to a large number of persons, sometimes with shares for the Church of England and the Society for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and a lion's share for His Excellency himself.

The usefulness of these New England towns is seen, not merely in the ends which were attained directly by their regular action, in the accomplishments of the objects of their organization, through the exercise of their powers and the performance of their duties; but in the facilities which they furnished for rendering aid to other purposes which were not the objects of their organization.

I have already adverted to the fact, that these town-organizations were powerful agents in the preservation of the religious principles of early settlers.

That there was a difference in the characters and habits of the people in the different sections of the country, upon the first emigration, we need not be told, and this has been perpetuated to some extent by a difference of social institutions. In other cases, changes of organization have produced corresponding changes in the manifestations of character.

There was no small difference in the habits and manners of the early settlers of New England. A large portion of them was of the Puritan stock; but this, it is well known, was not true of all. Some of the early settlers of New Hampshire were attracted thither, not so much because of the freedom it offered to worship God according to the dictates of their consciences, as that it offered a freedom of valuable fisheries.

It is undoubtedly true, however, that in the days of the early settlement, and for a long period afterward, the leaven of Puritanism leavened the whole lump. It is equally true, that it exerts its influence for good upon the country at the present day; and we trust it will do so through all coming time.

But had there been nothing in the municipal institutions of New England operating favorably for the preservation of its principles, they could not have continued to exert their full influence after two or three generations.

While, on the one hand, character has its influence in the formation and preservation of the institutions of government, it is also true that the institutions thus formed, in their turn, exert an abiding, almost controlling, influence in the formation of character.

Could the worthy Friends who founded the State of Pennsylvania have bestowed upon the City of Brotherly Love the simplicity of a Quaker town, and could their dress and forms of worship have been continued to it until this day, it would not, a few years since, have

been the most noted of all the cities in the Union for the frequency and ferocity of the riots of its fire department.

Had the Puritans left their descendants merely the legacy of their lives of purity and austerity, and of their principles of honesty and religious faith, without any institutions by which they might be perpetuated, the remembrance of their virtues, the force of their example, and the operation of their principles, would have been much less vivid, much less powerful, and of much shorter duration.

I do not mean to be understood that institutions alone can preserve such principles and virtues, but only that they render a powerful aid in producing that effect. While much that is valuable has been preserved, something of simplicity, at least, has passed away.

The *grants of townships* which were for the disposition and settlement of the land, became the source of immediate associations of people,—few perhaps at first,—clustering around the central point within the grant, or some favorable spot near the centre, except when they were drawn to a point more remote, by means of the advantages offered by a waterfall, natural meadows, or some other local attraction. The numbers of this small company, thus collected, increased from time to time, until the little settlement rose to the dignity of a New England village. Here the mechanics established themselves, not always with the best of tools, but sometimes with plenty of shop-room. There is an anecdote of a traveller in Dunstable inquiring for the shop of the blacksmith. “You are in his shop now, but you will find his anvil two miles further on,” was the answer. Here was not only the blacksmith but the carpenter and the shoemaker; and then came the tailor and the trader. The butcher and the baker are of a later date; households in those early days, acting for themselves in these occupations.

These villages thus formed in the townships, although not walled for defence furnished a wall of defence against Indian hostility, in the mutual support and aid of the settlers who clustered together, partly for that purpose; and, when upon frontier settlements that was not deemed a sufficient protection against a foe whose approaches were so secret and whose onset was so deadly, forts were constructed, by the common labors of the inhabitants, for their better security in times of danger.

As the village made progress, lots were selected or drawn, and farms cultivated in other parts of the township; the occupants in general looking to the central settlement as the place for the transaction of their business and for social intercourse. Amid these mutual dangers and hardships, mutual feelings of almost fraternal affection were cultivated.

They divided into school districts, which were compelled to build schoolhouses. Their duty to provide, in their corporate capacity, for religious instruction, continued for a long period. This, with the provision for schools, transmitted the Puritan character, modified by time and circumstances, but still with many of its distinctive features. There was a change in this particular after the country was settled, so that provision could be made in the several towns for the support of religious worship without the aid of the town authority.

The effect of these rights and duties, thus exercised, upon the religious, moral, social, and political character of the people, has been seen and felt; but the influence of the town incorporation, through which they have been exercised and performed, has been but partially estimated. Through no other agency could such laws have been carried into effect. The want of such agencies was one great reason why in other parts of the country no similar provisions respecting schools and religious institutions existed.

Passing the religions, moral, and social, let us dwell a moment upon the political effects.

It was through these agencies and this organization that the measures of the Mother Country were discussed, when the controversy arose between her and the colonies. And if the merits of this controversy were better understood by the great mass of the people in New England than in any other portion of the country of similar extent, which I doubt not was the case, it was owing, in no small degree, to these town incorporations: first, in furnishing the education; and second, in the facilities they afforded for gatherings of the people and the discussion of the subject.

There was no extraordinary effort necessary to secure a meeting, whenever one was desired. The machinery for producing it was all ready. It only required to be put in operation. No stumps were needed on which to utter patriotic harangues. The meeting-houses were well adapted to that purpose. It was thus that great masses of the people were influenced to an active and ardent patriotism.

At the same time the most perfect facilities were furnished for a full knowledge, not only of those who were friendly to the crown, but of the various degrees of their hostility to the popular cause, from that of lukewarmness to that of rabid Toryism.

It was through these organizations that the way was prepared for resistance, not only in sentiment, but in material. Depots of military stores were provided, to a limited extent only; but, so far as such provision was made, it was mostly by the towns.

Great Britain rightly judged that a portion of the country so

organized was the most dangerous; and all the events of the time led to the striking of the first blow here.

It was through these organizations that an industrious yeomanry while following the plough, and the diligent tenants of workshops while handling their tools, were converted into an armed soldiery, on the first news that the British had left the limits of Boston and were marching into the country. The dragons' teeth which produced that harvest were sown in the shape of farmers and mechanics, who, holding themselves in readiness, as "minute men," required but the heat of warlike intelligence to burst into full life and vigor as a patriotic army.

But for these towns, New England could not have been prompt to meet the crisis, and to assert the rights of the colonies by an armed resistance which made itself felt and respected from the very moment of the onset. By driving back the enemy discomfited, notwithstanding his partial success, she gave confidence in the result of the war, if war must come.

It was through their organization that law was enforced and order sustained, during the period when war had subverted the administration of justice, which had previously existed, and peace had not arrived to substitute another. The towns organized under their own provisional government, as in the days of the earliest settlement, adopted regulations, and instituted an authority which reduced the refractory to obedience, and prevented the state of anarchy which must otherwise have existed to a greater or less degree.

It was through these towns that the great mass of the people of New England were not only prepared to throw off an allegiance which had become oppressive, but that they had anticipated the action of Congress upon that subject. The several averments or accusations in that bill of indictment, the Declaration of Independence, had been previously asserted and sustained by resolutions, over and over again, in the town-meetings of New England.

It was through these organizations, and not through a want of patriotism elsewhere, that the support of the declaration was more effectual in New England than in any other of the colonies.

That New England, like other communities, has and has had unworthy men within her borders, is doubtless true; that her soil and her resources teach her the salutary lessons of economy, has become proverbial. Founding himself on these facts, her character for patriotism in the War of the Revolution has been recently assailed by an English historian of some distinction; and it may be proper to add a remark or two upon this subject, although it may lead to a restatement of some of the preceding matter.

Without intending any invidious comparisons, where in general all did well, and the credit of the successful issue is due to all, it is but justice to New England to declare, not only that in no other part of the country of the same extent was she excelled—nay, equalled—in her expenditure of blood and treasure, which has often been said, and always proved when the occasion required proof; but that in no other part of the country could the war have begun with the same preparation on the part of so many of the inhabitants, and under circumstances so well calculated to inspire confidence in the result; and that in no other part could there have been the same efficiency in carrying it on.

If New England had been overcome, the War of the Revolution would have been an unsuccessful rebellion. And it is but a small measure of justice to the towns of New England to say, that this state of preparation, and this efficiency, were owing to their organizations, to the consultation of the inhabitants in town-meetings assembled, and to their powers to provide for the exigency by ammunition, provisions, money, and soldiers, growing out of that organization, as has already been stated.

Stores of that great sinew of war, ammunition, the want of which was such a constant source of complaint, were found nowhere to the same extent as in New England; and much of it was provided by the towns.

Were supplies of provisions to be had at short notice? It was not by foraging among friends as if they were enemies, but the towns were called upon, and the supplies were generally forthcoming; not always, it is true, in the ample manner desired, for there was not always sufficient ability when the will consented.

Was money required to carry on the operation of a campaign? It was found nowhere so readily as in New England. Were soldiers needed to fill ranks in the army? A requisition was made upon the towns to furnish their quota of troops, and the call was not in vain. Was the pay which was offered inadequate, and men reluctant to assume more than their share of the burden of the contest, to the neglect of their proper business, and the ruin, perhaps, of their families? The inhabitants, in town-meeting called for the purpose, voted increased wages from the treasury of the town, (which, in other words, was by an assessment on themselves,) to make up the deficiency of a depreciated currency. And when, by repeated drafts in this way upon their resources, the general ability was somewhat exhausted, individual inhabitants, excited to action by the enthusiasm of these assemblages, became security for this additional payment, sometimes involving their whole property.



How much of the female fortitude and resolution which so nobly sustained the good cause may be traced to the town organization, or town-meetings, cannot be known. I intend to keep within the limits of fact, instead of entering the region of imagination.

When the Revolutionary contest was over, these organizations existed in the full exercise of their powers, requiring no change to carry the country onward to increased prosperity ; and they still remain with undiminished usefulness.

#### CORRECTIONS.

On page 6, for Jesse Searle read *Isaac Searle*.

On page 566, for Benjamin Wentworth read *Benning Wentworth*.

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